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### OUTSPOKEN LIBERALS.

#### SCATHING CRITICISM OF GOVERNMENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, December 18.

At a meeting of Liberal M.P.'s at the National Liberal Club, Mr. Asquith said there had been no overtures whatever by the Liberals with the leaders of either parties. He intended to preserve that freedom completely. The Liberals controlled the situation, and the days of the present Government were numbered. The Government's record was one of impotence. They had reduced the country to a cipher in the councils of the world. He would not move a finger to connive in a prolongation of their disastrous stewardship. Mr. Lloyd George said he completely agreed with Mr. Asquith's policy.

#### TANGIER CONVENTION DRAWN UP.

#### REGAINED AS BRITISH DIPLOMATIC TRIUMPH.

Paris, December 18.

A convention settling the international status of Tangier has been signed by Britain, France and Spain at the Quai d'Orsay this afternoon. The Spanish delegates only signed *ad interim*, and the protocol will remain open for some time to enable the Spanish Government to study and test the convention before final signature.

London, December 18.

The signing of the Tangier Convention is regarded as a triumph for British diplomacy, ending a decade of wrangling. The convention opens a fine opportunity for British trade at the port of Tangier, which will be modernised. The capitulations disappear, and British residents will be answerable to the British court alone. It is hoped compromises will be effected to obviate friction between the conflicting authorities—French, British, Spanish and Italian.

London, December 18.

The Tangier Convention provides for permanent neutrality, forbidding all fortifications, and places the port under an international regime giving economic equality to all nations.

#### BRITAIN AND AFGHANISTAN.

#### PARIS MESSAGE CONTRADICTED.

London, December 18.

Reuter learns that a large, well-equipped Afghan army has left Kafir and arrived at Jalalabad, in the neighbourhood of which the murderers of British subjects are hiding. The British military authorities are taking all the necessary steps to co-operate with the Afghans.

London, December 18.

The alleged statements by the Afghan Minister in Paris are officially declared in London to be entirely baseless. The Minister is known to be somewhat unfriendly towards Britain. Apart from the murders of British subjects, there have been other grounds for complaint with regard to the attitude of the Afghan Government, owing to its continual interference with the tribes on the British side of the frontier; consequently by virtue of the Anglo-Afghan treaty it has been found necessary to prevent the passage of arms and munitions to Afghanistan until a satisfactory settlement be reached.

#### TRADE SUBSIDY FORECASTED.

#### MALAYAN TIN COMPANY'S APPLICATION.

London, December 18.

The *Industrial Daily News* learns on good authority that it is expected the Treasury will shortly approve of the application of the Malayan Tin Dredging Company Limited, for a guarantee. It is stated that the company propose to carry out extensive developments, including the erection of an electrical power station, the electrifying of the existing plant, and the construction of a powerful new electric dredge. If the negotiations with the Trade Facilities Advisory Committee be successful, the whole of the contract will be immediately placed with British engineers.

#### DEMONSTRATION AGAINST GREEK KING.

#### DETHRONEMENT BEING CONSIDERED.

Athens, December 18.

Prior to the Cabinet's communication to the King the Republicans organised an anti-dynastic meeting, the demonstrators including soldiers and sailors. A speech by a Naval ex-commander was received with cries of "Down with the King." The demonstrators went in procession to the Premier's office, shouting similar words, and submitted a resolution in favour of the King's dethronement. Thereupon the military and political leaders conferred, and informed the demonstrators that the Cabinet would consider the resolution.

#### BRITISH RAILWAYMEN'S WAGES.

#### AMICABLE SETTLEMENT REPORTED.

London, December 18.

It is understood that all question of railway trouble has been removed by the award of the Railway Wages Board, signed to-day, which does not contemplate any serious reduction of wages. All the members endorsed the report of the companies' representatives abandoning the larger demands in view of the recent rise in the cost of living, while it is believed the men's unions are prepared to agree to the abolition of certain anomalies which the companies consider are productive of wasteful working and overlapping.

#### NOT WITHOUT SOME SIGNIFICANCE.

London, December 18.

Speculation has been evoked by a brief visit of Sir John Bradbury to Mr. Ramsay Macdonald at Lowestoft to-day. It is believed to have some bearing on Sir John Bradbury's endeavour to secure representative men to assist in the settlement of European problems.

Later. Sir John Bradbury, interviewed, explained he had consulted Mr. Macdonald, also other leaders of parties, regarding suitable men for membership of the reparations enquiry committee.

#### THE TRANS-POLAR FLIGHT.

Christiania, December 18.

Captain Amundsen states that agreements have been concluded enabling him to carry out the proposed polar flight from Spitzbergen to Alaska. An expedition with at least three machines will go northward as early as possible, flying between May and August.

### BRUTAL MURDER.

#### COOLIE FOREMAN THROWN OVER BRIDGE.

London, December 18. A brutal murder was committed at the junction of Conduit and Hatton Roads yesterday, the victim being Tang Yau, aged 27, a coolie foreman living at 91 First Street West Point.

It is stated that earlier in the day the deceased caught several coolies in the act of cutting down branches of trees on the new road above the junction of Conduit and Hatton Roads and admonished them. The men, who are believed to be employed by the road contractor, resented the interference, and in the afternoon, with the help of several others, they stopped the foreman in a secluded spot, dragged him to a bamboo bridge and pitched him over the railing into a deep cutting. The foreman must have died almost instantly from the fall, which was from a considerable height.

No arrests have been made.

#### MISSING AUSTRALIAN.

#### NOT SEEN SINCE FRIDAY.

A foreigner is reported to have been missing from the Hongkong Hotel since Friday, the 14th inst. The man is believed to be an Australian and his name is Wilfred Arlington Pirie Wilkinson, 35 years of age. The police describe him as being "clean-shaven with fair hair, and very smart in appearance." He was last seen at the Hongkong Club on Friday night, wearing a dress suit.

We understand Mr. Wilkinson has lived at the Hongkong Hotel since October. The police have searched the shipping passengers' lists for the last few days also made enquiries at the Passports Office, but so far have found no clue.

#### EUROPEAN LADY'S SUICIDE.

#### ON FRENCH MAIL STEAMER.

(Our Correspondent.) Shanghai, December 19. Peking reports state that messages received from Haikou say Mrs. Rupert Hughes, who was en route on the steamer Angkor for Saigon, intending to proceed to Europe, has committed suicide. No details are given.

Mrs. Hughes arrived in Peking in the autumn, seemingly intending to remain for the winter, renting the celebrated Drum Tower House as a residence. She behaved strangely, and her physical condition was known to be abnormal. Whilst under treatment in hospital, she suddenly departed for Shanghai, whence she sailed on the Angkor on December 7th. Messrs. Thos Cook arranging a stop-over at Saigon, where she intended to transfer to the steamer Cambod. It is reported that she was severely ill aboard the ship, suffering vexation also through the loss of art objects.

#### PEKING PARLIAMENT FIGHT.

#### PHOTO OF INJURED SPEAKER.

Peking, December 18.—In the House of Representatives, after the free fight between opposition factions, Wu Ching-lian, the Speaker, called the Procurator's two doctors to examine his injuries, after which he induced his followers to take note of the nomination of Sun Pao-chi as Premier. This proved abortive, upwards of a hundred only voting the abstainers including the Opposition and those remaining neutral. The ballot box was not opened.

On the arrival of the Procurator's doctors, photos were taken of Wu's injuries. Wu standing, with bleeding face, on the floor of the House. These will be used as evidence at the forthcoming legal proceedings, which Wu announced will shortly be taken.

Fourteen injured people have been sent to hospital.

### GREEK CRISIS.

#### CHANGE IN UPON.

The match between the Police and South China, fixed for Saturday, having been postponed, it is necessary to make a change in our Football Competition coupon. In place of this game, the match between H.M.S. Hawkins and the Club has been inserted in the coupon-to-day. Particular attention is drawn to this change.

Competitors who have already collected coupons from our issue of Monday and Tuesday can, on presenting them at this office, get them exchanged for an equivalent number of the new coupons.

#### WHOSE MAST?

#### SHIP FROM JAVA REPORTS WRECKAGE.

The s.s. Taikoo Wan Yi, from Java, reports passing on December 15th in Lat. 15.13 north Long. 119.46 east, some submerged wreckage, with a mast, painted a grey colour, showing some ten feet above the water. The wreckage is stated to be a danger to navigation.

#### STILL HARD UP.

#### CANTON'S SEARCH FOR FUNDS.

Canton is still hard up for funds. In connection with the proposed Opium Monopoly, the Government wants the monopolists to pay a big sum in advance, but the tenders only agree to paying the revenue daily. As a consequence, the question of letting out the monopoly has not yet been settled.

The Finance Department has sent out a number of officials to the districts of Pun Yu, Kun Tak, Tung Kwan, Sun, Hui and Heungshan to compel the field-owners to have their title deeds renewed at a fee of \$5 each and also to pay all taxes due within a limited time. Failing compliance, it is stated that the owners will be arrested.

#### WORLD THEATRE.

#### "THE TRUTHFUL LIAR."

Possessing originality, high dramatic values and a decided punch, "The Truthful Liar," starring Wanda Hawley in a Realart picture, had a successful showing at the World Theatre yesterday. The story is one of unusual dramatic strength and deals with the troubles of a husband and wife whose tastes run in divergent channels, and which provokes a dramatic situation of exceptional force and interest. There is a mystery twist to the theme which will exert a strong appeal on all picture-goers. Miss Wanda Hawley is excellent as the wife, and Edward Heath as the husband. The support is excellent.

#### TO-DAY.

#### BIG FIRE NEAR MACAO.

#### 27 BODIES RECOVERED.

News reaches us to-day from our Macao correspondent of a disastrous fire which broke out in a firecracker factory at Taipa, an island opposite the Praia Grande on Sunday night.

The fire raged all night until the following morning, when it burnt itself out.

It is feared that the loss of life is very heavy. So far, 27 charred bodies have been removed from the ruins, whilst many more of the workers are missing.

Fourteen injured people have been sent to hospital.

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#### NEWS IN THE ADS.

The Fancy Dress Ball in aid of the M.C.L. takes place at the City Hall to-morrow night. Mackintosh & Co., Ltd. will remain open until 6 p.m. on the 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st and 24th inst. and until 5 p.m. on the 22nd inst. Whiteaway's will remain open until 6 p.m. on the 22nd inst.

### TO-DAY'S SPECIAL CABLES.

(United Press Service to the "Telegraph".)

#### UNITED STATES AND RUSSIA.

#### NO REASON FOR NEGOTIATIONS.

Washington, December 18.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Hughes, replying to M. Chicherin, has declared that there is apparently no reason at present for negotiations between the United States and Russia.

#### THE MEXICAN SITUATION.

#### A SECRET MESSAGE DELIVERED.

Washington, December 18.

Ramon Ross, a Mexican secret representative, delivered a secret message at the Mexican Legation here and then apparently disappeared.

(Reuter's American Service.)

#### RUSSIA AND AMERICA.

#### NO BARTERING OF PRINCIPLES.

Washington, December 18.

Mr. Hughes has indirectly informed the Russian Government that there seems at present no reason for negotiations, as suggested in M. Chicherin's message mentioned yesterday. He added that the American Government is not proposing to barter away its principles. Moscow should, as evidence of good faith, restore the confiscated American property, or make compensation, and repeal the decree repudiating Russia's obligations towards America. The Government cannot enter into negotiations until the propaganda to overthrow the institutions of the United States be abandoned.

#### MEXICAN TIDE TURNING.

#### FEDERAL TROOPS GAIN SUCCESSES.

Mexico City, December 18.

The War Department announces that the revolutionaries have evacuated Puebla, and the Federal forces have occupied Almazan and Luca Gonzalez.

El Paso, December 18.

It is officially announced that the Federal forces have taken San Marcos, capturing an immense amount of ammunition and small arms and a number of guns. Several trains are steadily advancing on the rebels' seaport stronghold.

(Reuter's Service.)

#### AN EMPIRE FELLOWSHIP.

#### PRINCE OF WALES BECOMES PRESIDENT.

London, December 18.

The Prince of Wales has accepted the presidency of a fellowship founded in connection with the Empire Exhibition with a view to recruiting enthusiasts all over the Empire to assist Empire trade and industry, instituting prizes designed to further Imperial education also scholarships of a thousand sterling each for settlement of young Britons overseas and the education of young Dominion students in Britain. Mr. Baldwin has sent a message wishing the fellowship success.

#### COUNTY CRICKET SCORING.

#### RULES FOR NEXT SEASON.

London, December 18.

The Marylebone C. C. has passed a resolution that the scoring in the county championship shall be five points for a win in a completed match. Should a match be uncompleted the side leading on the first innings shall get three points, and their opponents one. In the event of a tie the points shall be divided. Matches in which no result in the first innings is attained will not be included in the table of results.

(Other Telegrams on Page 4.)

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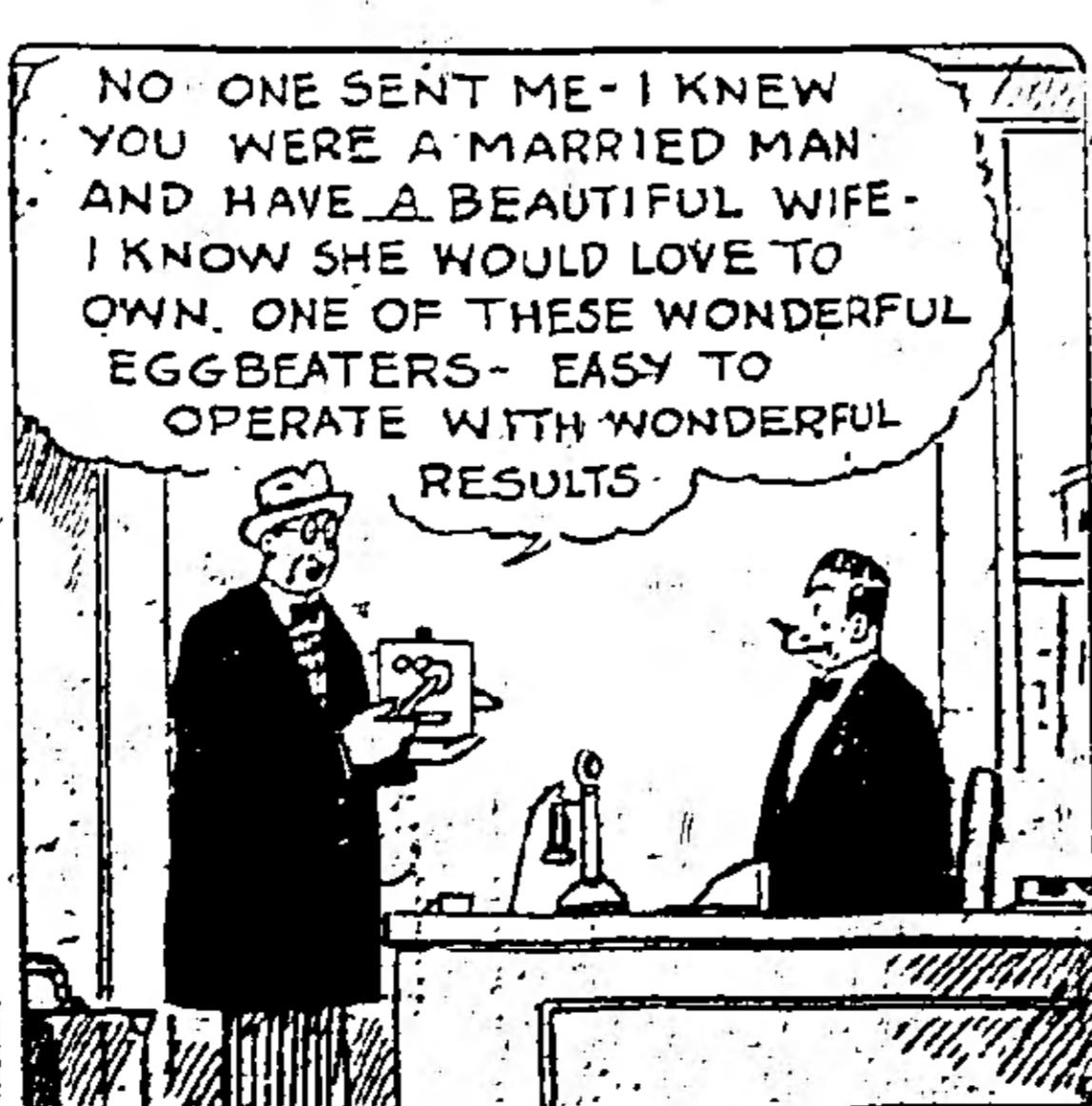
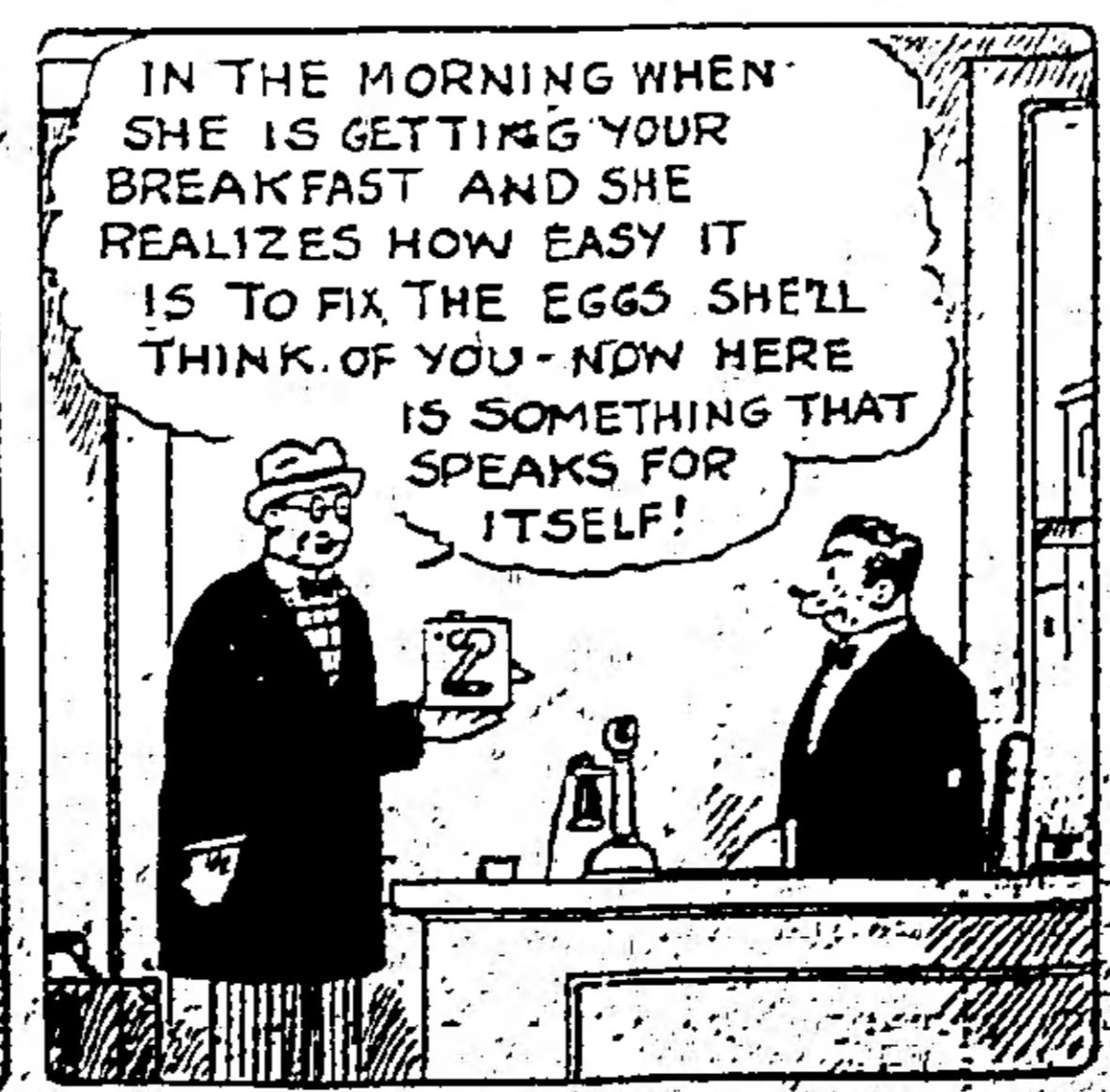
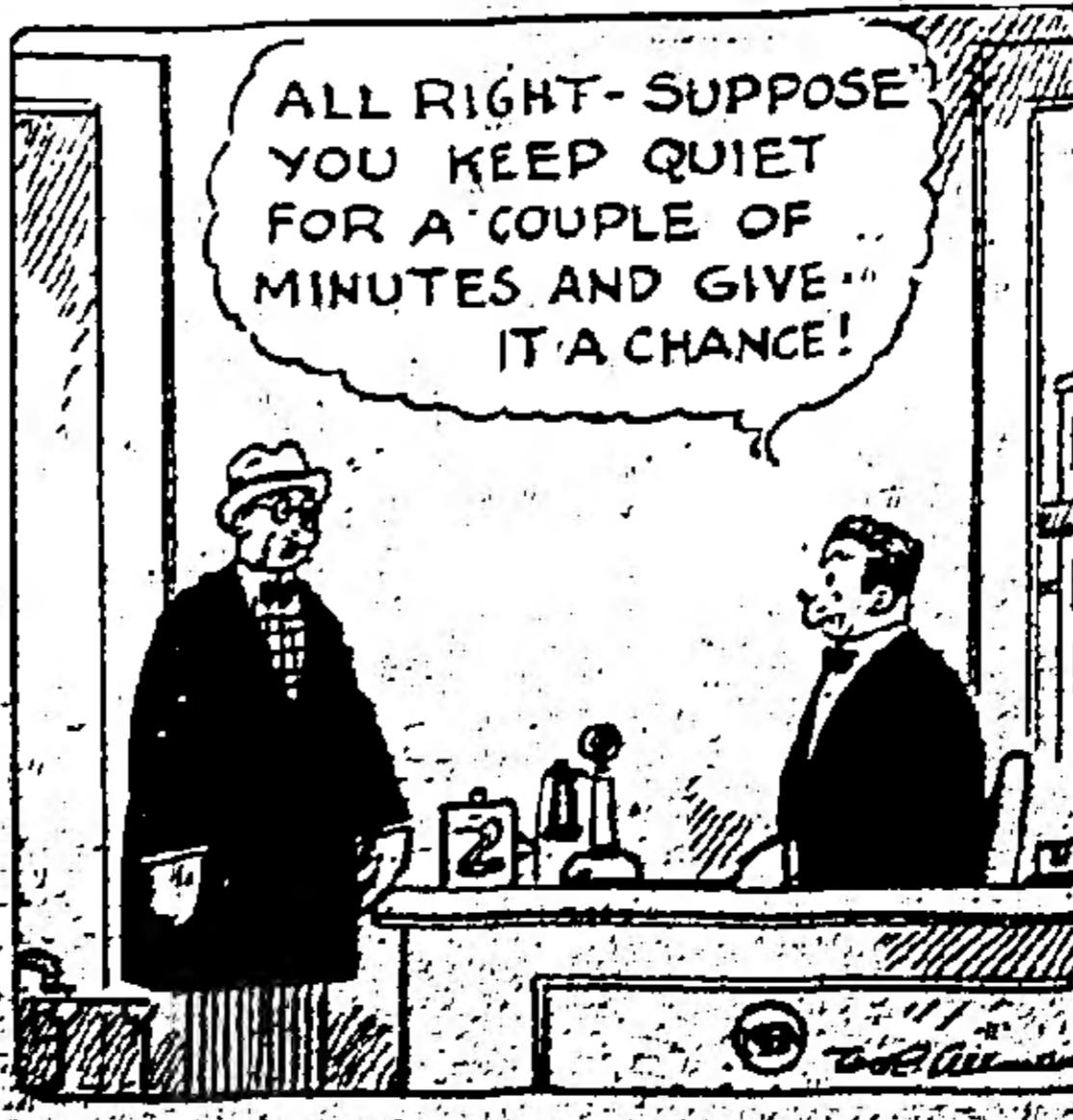
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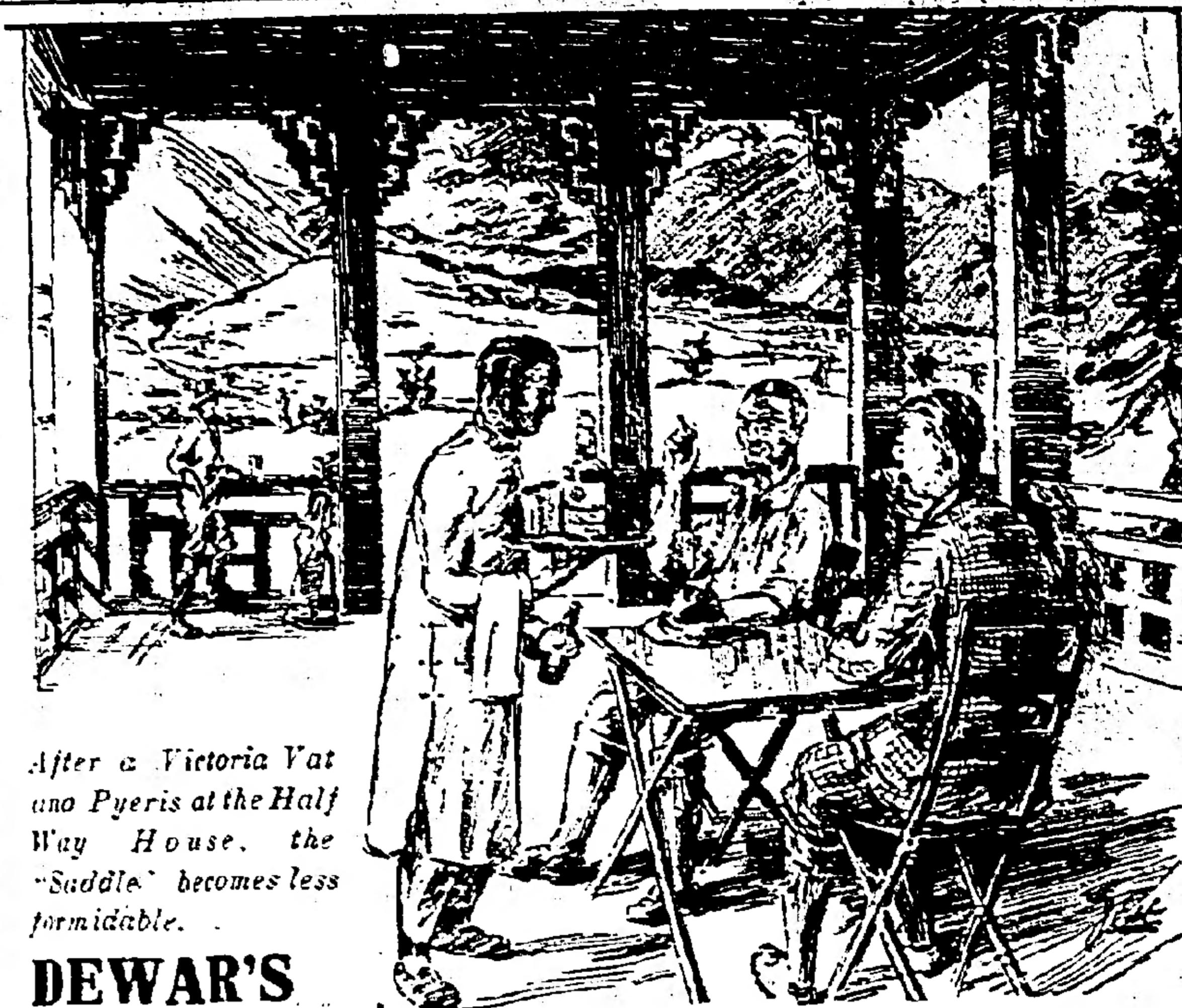
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### EARLIER SPECIAL CABLES

#### BILL TO SUSPEND IMMIGRATION.

[United Press Service to the "Telegraph".]

Washington Dec. 18.

A Bill has been introduced in Congress suspending all immigration until 1929. Thereafter it may be resumed on the basis of 25,000 resident nationals. Another Bill provides for the removal of Ellis Island station to Governor Island, and the erection of new buildings to cost five million dollars.

(Reuter's Service.)

#### AFGHANISTAN SITUATION.

London, Dec. 18.

A grave situation has arisen on the Afghan border owing to the Afghan Government not yet complying with the repeated demands of the Indian Government for the surrender of the murderers of British subjects. The Afghan police attempts to arrest culprits have been unsuccessful owing to the hostility of the population among whom Bolshevik emissaries are spreading anti-European propaganda. In view of the situation the families of European diplomats at Kabul have been escorted to Peshawar. The Government of India is confident that the Amir will consent to hand over the murderers but in the meanwhile it is taking such steps as seem advisable. The Afghan Minister in Paris is credited by the *Mirat* as expressing strong anti-British sentiments, alleging that Britain is desirous to annex Afghanistan, and declaring that if the country is invaded the Afghans will defend themselves to the last man. Moreover they have friends in Turkey and Russia, he says.—*Reuter*.

#### A SOVIET SPLIT.

Riga, Dec. 18.

A message from Moscow states that the Communist Party's new programme, which was proclaimed on 5th December, involving extensive freedom of speech among the rank and file of the Communists has caused serious discord among the Party leaders. M. Kamenev on the 11th last, was forced to defend himself against the attack of M. Saporov, M. Preobrazhensky, M. Smirnov and others who accused the Party's central committee of arrogating to themselves too much authority and not considering the wishes of the rank and file. M. Kamenev, replying, reproached, M. Radet for supporting the malcontents and warned members against converting the new reform into a mere struggle for power. The Soviet official press states that the situation is most grave. The only salvation consists in the Party preserving complete unity while it is accomplishing its present reforms.—*Reuter*.

#### IRISH FREE STATE.

New York, Dec. 18.

Justice Wagner of the Supreme Court has signed the order making effective its recent decision requiring Messrs. De Valera, Stuck and Barton to testify against the Free State in the Free State's suit to impress money from local banks deposited in the name of the Irish Republic. The order directs that if De Valera and others are interfered with for the purpose of preventing them from testifying, the injunction against the withdrawal of the funds will be dissolved and the Free State will be forever barred from pressing its suit. The order stipulates that De Valera and others must testify before the American Consul General in Ireland between the 10th January and 28th February next.—*Reuter's American Service*.

#### FRENCH CIVIL SERVANTS.

Paris, Dec. 18.

Altogether 77 arrests have been made in connection with the demonstration of civil servants on the 7th. Six were detained charged with assaulting the police.

M. Delasteyrie, Minister of Finance, is opposed to a uniform increase of the cost of living bonus to civil servants to 1,800 francs as asked by the civil servants and will make the matter a question of confidence in the Chamber to-day.—*Reuter*.

#### THE GREEK EMBROGLIO.

Athens, Dec. 18.

The Government has informed the King that it would be advisable that he leave Greece until the National Assembly decides what regime is best befitting the country. The King replies to-day.—*Reuter*.

Athens, Dec. 18.

The King and Queen are leaving for Romania tonight. Admiral Coundourioti will be appointed regent.—*Reuter*.

#### THE MEXICAN REVOLT.

Vera Cruz, Dec. 18.

A fierce battle was fought yesterday between the Federal troops and the rebels for the possession of Apizaco and Tlaxcala. Up to the present there are no details. Rebel reinforcements are being sent from here. Fighting took place also at San Marcos where the Obregonists are attacking the rebels.—*Reuter's American Service*.

#### ROCKEFELLER DONATION TO EDINBURGH.

London, Dec. 18.

The Rockefeller trustees in New York has donated fifty thousand dollars to Edinburgh University to erect a clinical laboratory to complete the endowment for a professorship of surgery.—*Reuter*.

#### OBITUARY.

London, Dec. 18.

The death is announced for Sir Henry Kimber.—*Reuter*.  
(Sir Henry Kimber was Conservative member for Wandsworth from 1855 to 1913; Vice-Chairman of the Capital and Counties Bank; Chairman of the South Indian Railway Co., and founder or reconstructor of several colonial and other undertakings. He was born July 12, 1824. He was a great traveller.)

Berne, Dec. 18.

The death is announced of Jonkheer Van Panhuys, the Netherlands Minister to Switzerland.—*Reuter*.

#### THE RUHR.

Berlin, Dec. 18.

It is semi-officially stated that the French reply to Von Hoech's statement is of such a nature as to justify the German Government in making detailed proposals as regards the restoration of the German administration in the occupied territories and the resumption of traffic with unoccupied Germany.—*Reuter*.

#### U. S. PRESIDENCY.

Los Angeles, Dec. 18.

Mr. McAdoo, ex-Secretary of the Treasury, has definitely announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency.—*Reuter's American Service*.

#### OPEN EXHIBITION ON ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

London, Dec. 18.

Reuter understands that the date for the opening of the Empire Exhibition has been fixed for April 25, St. George's Day.—*Reuter*.

### NAVY AND THE BANK.

#### EARTHQUAKE SERVICES RECOGNISED.

Vice-Admiral Sir Arthur Lovettson, K.C.B., his staff and some of the ship's company of H.M.S. Hawkins attended the weekly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation yesterday afternoon and were presented by the Bank with a silver cup in the form of an ancient Chinese incense burner in recognition of the inestimable services rendered by them to the Bank in Yokohama after the earthquake. The memento bore the following inscription: "Presented by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation to His Majesty's Flagship Hawkins in remembrance of services rendered to the Bank in Yokohama, September, 1923, by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, the Captain, Officers and Ship's Company."

#### THE BANK'S THANKS.

In making the presentation, Mr. A. O. Lang, the Chairman of the Directors, said: "Your Excellency.—It is a great pleasure to have you with us this afternoon and in view of the special circumstances which prompted the invitation we feel greatly honoured by your presence. We have asked you to come here to-day, Sir, in order that we might express our profound thanks for the gallant and invaluable services rendered by your Excellency, the Captain, Officers and Ship's Company of H. M. Flagship *Hawkins*, to the Bank in Yokohama and the staff attached thereto, during the dark days following immediately upon the terrible earthquake which wrought such devastation in Japan early in September." Wright, the Manager at Yokohama, has written an eloquent note of the assistance received from the Navy, without which it would have been impossible to manage the affairs of the Bank in Japan so expeditiously as has been found to be the case. The help rendered is further proof that the traditions of the Senior Service are being worthily maintained and the service of the interest taken by the Navy in the commerce of the Empire. We appreciate, Sir, all you have done since your arrival on the Station in an endeavour to protect and advance British trade in these parts, and we sincerely trust these efforts will meet with success. I now ask your Excellency to accept on behalf of H. M. Flagship this replica in silver of an ancient Chinese incense burner as a memento from the Bank of the assistance rendered by the Hawkins during those terrible days in Yokohama to which I have referred.

#### The Admiral's Reply.

Vice-Admiral Sir Arthur Lovettson, accepting the cup, replied as follows: "In accepting on behalf of the Flagship this extraordinarily handsome present, I can only say that the Navy is always ready to do its duty, and, in this instance, in the face of such an appalling disaster, every one of the nations that could rush to help, and that the help, such as it was, so appreciated by the Court of Directors of the Bank, is a source of very great pleasure to us. I may say that our work at Yokohama was most unpleasant in the midst of such death and destruction, but the best unpleasant—in fact I might almost call it a blessing to the torpedo department—was blowing in by gun-cotton the door of the Bank safe. I must congratulate the Bank on the strength and efficiency of their strong room. It resisted all our efforts till we resorted to gun-cotton, and then, I am glad to note, as you all know, we found the inside unburnt. The Bank leads the mercantile world, and I am sure this is an instance in which it proved it by having the best safe. In all other cases damage by fire, or actually baking the inside, was the result. I turn to this very handsome gift. We appreciate the very kind thought of giving it and we appreciate the fact that it is the handsomest and most unique trophy that has ever been given to any of H. M. Ships. Again, Mr. Chairman, on behalf of the Flagship, I thank the whole Court of Directors for their most handsome present.

#### CHRISTMAS CANARIES.

A consignment of 450 canaries, valued at £1 each for the American Christmas trade, was put aboard the White Star liner *Cedric*, which left Liverpool for New York recently.

#### May Your Christmas be made happy by the Music of the

**VICTROLA**  
S. MOUTRIE & CO. LTD.  
Sole Agents.



"About 12 o'clock I found him drinking over his tea, which he drank very plentifully.....  
I suppose no person ever enjoyed tea more relish the infusion or that fragrance less than Johnson." James Boswell.

The great Dr. Johnson, who was known to drink thirty or forty cups at a sitting, would have appreciated Brooke Bond tea.

Choice selections from the Indian tea crop, blended for you by experts—that is what you get if you insist on having Brooke Bond tea. And you get it in perfect condition, because the Brooke Bond vacuum preserves it as fresh and fragrant as the day it was packed.

There is no tea and no tin quite so good.

### Brooke Bond

vacuum

packed



Tea in the vacuum-packed tin.  
It costs no more than ordinary tea.

RED LABEL IS THE BEST QUALITY.

The inner lid of the tin must not be broken. If broken the contents may not be Brooke Bond tea.

BROOKE BOND INDIA LTD., P.O. Box 187, Calcutta.  
Hong Kong Agent: ALEX. ROSS & CO., Hong Kong.



### LUX

It only takes a few minutes to wash your silk blouse, your silk stockings, underwear or anything dainty and "special"—if you use LUX.

The thin, white, silky Lux flakes, which are made by our own exclusive process, dissolve instantly into a bubbling lather that is as harmless as pure water itself. The lather gently squeezes through the fine fabrics quickly loosens the dirt and a few rinsings make the garments beautifully clean.

Lux stands unrivalled for washing silk and other fine garments.

Lux is sold only in sealed packets—dust-proof!

#### AGENTS:

The China Soap Co., Ltd.,  
Shanghai-Hongkong-Tientsin  
Hankow-Tsinanfu-Moukden.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Australian Firm desires local Company of good standing to take up agency for milk and general foodstuffs. Agency for cigarettes open also. Write P. O. Box 553.

## WANTED.

WANTED AT ONCE - A house on the Peak. Please reply giving particulars and terms to Box No. 1035 c/o "Hongkong Telegraph".

## TO BE LET.

TO LET - High-class RESIDENCES (East View Buildings), opposite "Sai Fai Terrace," Nathan Road, Kowloon three-roomed flats, well ventilated, with bath, water closet, kitchen and servants' quarters. For particulars apply to Mr. Lai Chak, No. 14, Queen's Road Central.

TO LET - Situated house on the Peak, March till November 1924, fully furnished, three bathrooms, flush system, hot and cold water etc. Apply Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

TO LET - Flats with bathrooms, kitchens, & servants' quarters, 3, Peace Avenue, Ho-martin, immediate occupation apply within or Box No. 1021 c/o "Hongkong Telegraph".

TO LET - Bright Large Office Rooms 1st floor, No. 10, Des Vaux Road, Central Hall, Law & Co., Apply to Des Vaux Road, Central, Telephone No. 3217.

TO LET - 57, Robinson Road, European house with 4 rooms, bath-rooms and servants' quarters. Rent moderate. Apply to Compradores Department, Shewan Teme & Co.

MR. DADDY: You can't buy a better XMAS GIFT than a Wireless Receiving Set for your little Boy Scout. Prices from \$25.00 up, including aerial equipment. Enquire Box. 1039 c/o "Hongkong Telegraph".

## FOR SALE.

FOR SALE - THE TOWERS, 20 BROADWOOD ROAD. Five bedrooms, with bathroom, all modern conveniences. Reception room, smoking room etc. garden and Tennis court. Apply Linstead and Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

## M. C. L.

FANCY DRESS BALL.  
City Hall  
THURSDAY, 20th December  
at 9.30 p.m.

Tickets \$4 each from

Anderson Music Co., Ltd.  
Hongkong Hotel.  
Moutrie & Co., Ltd.

and at the door.

Evening Dress may be worn on payment of \$1 extra at door.

## NOTICE.

ON and after January 1st, 1924, the Agents of the Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen, will be transferred to Messrs. Melchers & Co. Queen's Bldg. Hongkong.

THE ROBERT DOLLAR CO.  
(sgd) RAY E. GUNN,  
Manager.

On and after January 1st, 1924, the undersigned will handle the Agency of the Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen.  
(sgd) MELCHERS & CO.  
Hongkong, 14th Dec. 1923.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT  
MESSRS. J. ULLMANN & CO.

84, QUEEN'S ROAD,  
are removing shortly to PRINCE'S BUILDING  
to continue wholesale business

## CONSEQUENTLY

All retail stock must be sold before removal  
REDUCTIONS RANGING from 50 to 60%

will be allowed on all goods,  
except diamonds.

Terms: Cash only.

## AN OPPORTUNITY YOU MAY NEVER SEE AGAIN:

Gold wrist watches 14 kt	From \$ 7.-
Gold pocket hunting watches	" 30.-
Metal pocket watches	" 1.-
Binoculars	" 5.-
White gold 16 jewels watches	" 50.-
Large size wall clocks	" 9.-

## XMAS SHOPPING.

OUR Store will remain open until 6 o'clock p.m. on the 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, and 24th inst., and 5 o'clock p.m. on Sat. the 22nd, inst.

MACKINTOSH & CO., LTD.  
Alexandra Building.  
Des Vaux Road, Central

## MASSAGE HALL

MRS. S. UZUNOYE,  
Expert Massagist  
87 Queen's Road Central  
Ind. Floor

## VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

THE Annual General Meeting of Members will be held at the Club on Friday the 21st of December, 1923 at 2.30 p.m.  
R. C. WITCHELL,  
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th Dec. 1923.

## NOTICE.

M. P. W. A. Stephens has been appointed Manager of the Nestle & Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Company's business in Shanghai and North China and takes up his new duties from January 1st next.  
Mr. H. C. Shrubsall succeeds Mr. Stephens as Manager for Hongkong and South China.  
Hongkong 13th Dec. 1923.

## THEATRE ROYAL HONGKONG

SPECIAL NOTICE  
A. CARPI presents

The Italian Grand Opera Co.  
For Two nights only.

WED., Dec. 19th at 9.15  
"CARMEN."

THURS., Dec. 20th at 9.15

"MADAM BUTTERFLY"

Plans now Open at ANDERSON'S  
Prices \$3.00 and \$2.00.

## NOTICE.

I. HARNAM SINGH of The To Yuen Restaurant, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong Registered Money Lender, hereby state that if any one claims to have in their possession any Promissory Note, L. O. O. or other document signed by me or stamped with my thumb or finger print marks they should send in their claims in respect of the same within 7 days of the date hereof.

Dated this 18th day of December, 1923.

HARNAM SINGH.

## SHOWERS

OF  
GIFTS

SINCERE'S  
XMAS  
SHOW

HERE YOU WILL  
SAVE ENOUGH  
ON ONE GIFT  
TO HELP PAY FOR  
ANOTHER

IT PAYS  
YOU TO  
SHOP  
HERE.



## REAL RADIO

In bringing Real Radio to Hongkong, it is our policy to make our sets and parts as reasonable as possible in price, while maintaining quality to a standard to suit local conditions.

We have just landed a small stock of essential parts, which we are passing on to the amateurs.

## REASONABLY!

FOR INSTANCE:

13 and 15-plate Variable Condensers with knobs	\$ 7.50 each.
VARIABLE GRID LEAKS AND GRID COMPENSATORS	\$ 3.75 each.
UNIVERSAL PLATES	\$ 2.50 each.
SINGLE & DOUBLE JACKS	\$ 2.00 each.
2000-OHM PHONES, QUILTED FOR THIS HUMID CLIMATE	\$ 11.50 per pair.

also

X'mas Crackers

On View from Wednesday the 19th December 1923.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

## FORTHCOMING AUCTION SALES.

## Lammert Bros.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on Thursday, the 21st Dec., 1923,

commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Room, Duddell Street,

## A Fine Selection of Toys

Comprising:- Dolls, tea-sets, motor cars, foot-balls, rocking horses, stockings, furniture sets, and various other toys.

also

Damascene, Satsuma, Cloisonne,

Bronze, China, Silk Kimonos, Embroidered Pictures, Embroidered Screens, Embroidered Tapestry, and Gold Lacquered Ware.

All lots guaranteed genuine and in first class condition.

Packing for China Ware done free on application.

Goods on view on Wednesday, 19th December, 1923.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

Hongkong, 15th Dec., 1923.

## HUGHES &amp; HOUGH

## AUCTIONEERS

## AND

## GENERAL BROKERS.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, for Account of G. Matsuno (successor to Nitobe),

on THURSDAY & FRIDAY, the 20th and 21st December, 1923,

commencing at 10.30 a.m. at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

A Large Consignment of High Class Japanese Ware from Messrs. O. Komai and S. Koshida of Kyoto.

Comprising:- Damascene, Satsuma, Cloisonne, Bronze, China, Silk Kimonos, Embroidered Pictures, Embroidered Screens, Embroidered Tapestry, and Gold Lacquered Ware.

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Goods on view on Wednesday, 19th December, 1923.

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Hongkong, 15th Dec., 1923.

on SATURDAY, the 22nd December, 1923, at 10.30 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

A Quality of Valuable Jewellery.

Comprising:- Diamond Pendants, Bracelets, Rings, Earrings, Bar Pins, Gold Watches, Chains, Ladies' Handbags, Brooches, Jade Pendants and Earrings, etc., etc.

Also

Italian Statuettes, Table Ware, Electric Marble Lamps, &c. &c. &c.

Inspection solicited.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

Hongkong, 18th Dec., 1923.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions from H.M.'s Victualling Store Officer to sell by Public Auction,

on

SATURDAY,

the 22nd December, 1923, at Noon, at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

37 CASES RAISINS of 56 lbs. each—2072 lbs.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 18th Dec., 1923.

## WORLD THEATRE

Last Show To-day

## WANDA

## HAWLEY

in

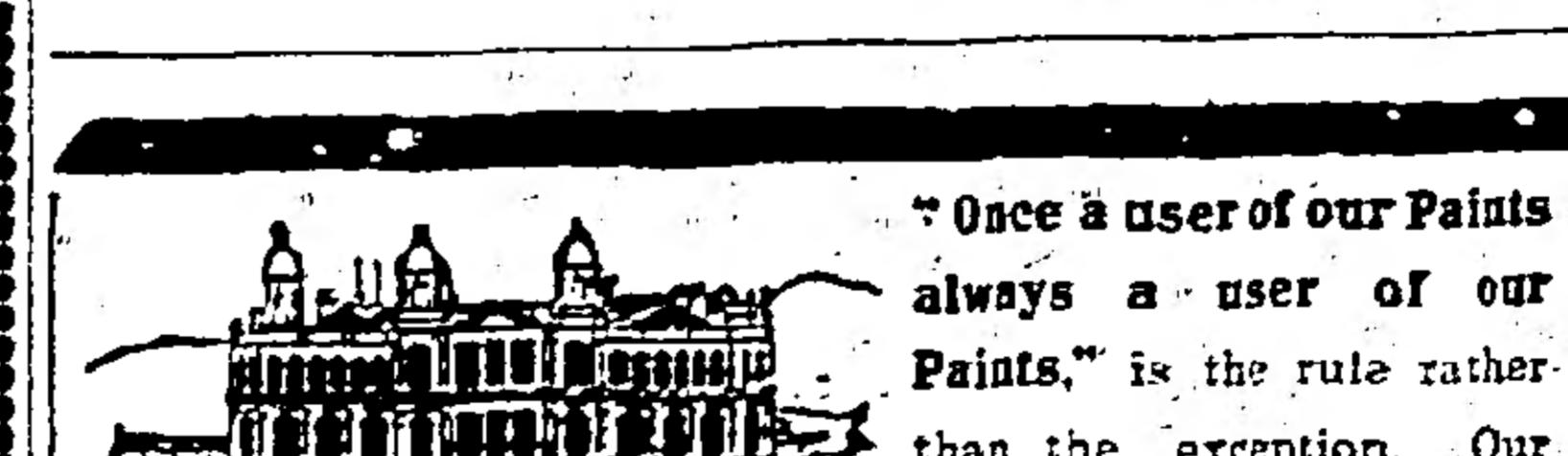
## "The TRUTHFUL

## LIAR"

A young, newly-married society girl caught in a raid on a famous gambling resort. And a clever black-mailer was on the job!

See what happened next in this intensely appealing drama of Broadway high and low life and the impetuous beauty who wanted to taste both.

Other notices appear on Page 12



## PAINTS

Mixed Ready for Use.

English Made.—Packed in 1-lb. tins with brush, and 1-cwt. Drums.

Stacked in Hongkong.

French Grey	Signal Red	Light Drab	Dark Royal Blue	Sand-slate
Linen Grey	Pea Green	Carmine Red	Pale Purple Brown	Color
Dark Green	Black	Light Azure Blue	Light Stone Color	Lead Color




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**Prescriptions**

**PRESCRIPTIONS**

when the doctor prescribes he expects the druggist to fill the prescription with pure drugs. The quality of our Drugs, Medicines and Toilet Goods is not surpassed. Have the doctor's prescription filled here and the result will be satisfactory.

**The Pharmacy.**  
The Red Bldg Opposite Ice House St.

**FOOK WENG & CO.**  
Astor House Buildings. Manufacturer of Swatow Drawn Work & Embroideries. Dealers in all kinds of Silk goods of the best quality, Mandarin Costumes, Antique China and Curios, Etc., Etc.

**CHEAP SALE**  
The opportunity occupies 25 days only.  
15th. December, 1923 to — 8th January, 1924.

Tel. C. 654 **HOP CHEONG** 55, Queen's Road, Central. COMPLETE HOUSE FURNISHERS  
DEALERS IN SWATOW DRAWN AND LACE WORK EMBROIDERIES, OLD MANDARIN COATS, SILK, ETC., ETC. LARGE CONSIGNMENT JUST UNPACKED. INSPECTION CORDIALLY INVITED.

**HONGKONG HARDWARE CO.**  
"TAI LEE CHAN."  
ESTD. 1884  
METAL GOODS and HARDWARE  
Tel. No. C. 1930 119 Jervois Street.

**RELIABILITY.**  
A PIANO WITH GOOD TONE WHICH WILL WITHSTAND THE HARDEST USAGE is the—  
**MORRISON PIANO**  
THEY CAN BE SAFELY RELIED ON BECAUSE THEY ARE BUILT TO STAND THIS CLIMATE.  
GUARANTEED FOR SEVEN YEARS.  
Cash or easy payments can be arranged.  
See them at  
**TSANG FOOK PIANO CO.**  
Telephone No. 2127. 94A. Wanchai Road.

**The Hongkong Telegraph**  
Published Daily  
HEAD OFFICE 11, Ice House Street  
TEL. No. 1. Cable add. "TELEGRAPH"  
Subscription \$36.00 per year.  
Correspondence intended for publication must bear the name and address of the writer.  
Advertising rates may be obtained on application.

**NOTICE**  
**EXQUISITE CONTINENTAL PERFUMERY**  
In Handsome Cut Glass Bottles. Suitable for **XMAS** Presents.

We have received this Shipment on Consignment and are sacrificing at Manufacturer's Cost.

From \$1.30 to \$3.00 per bottle.

Rosemontag Marie Charlotte Myosotis

This opportunity will occur Once only

General Commercial Co. 10, Des Voeux Road Central Top Floor.

**THE COWIE HARBOUR COAL CO., LTD.**

SILIMPON COAL

THE undersigned are prepared to quote prices for best quality freshly mined Silimpopon Coal, trimmed into Bunkers at Sebastik or Sandakan (British North Borneo), and to contract for regular supplies of cargo lots at favourable rates.

Steamers calling at Sebastik or Sandakan exclusively for Bunkers are exempt from payment of ordinary Port Charges. The minimum draft of water alongside the Company's Wharf at Sebastik is 36 feet at low water Spring Tides. Charts of Cowie Bay (Sebastik Harbour) and any required information concerning the Port may be had on application to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD. Agents.

The Cowie Harbour Coal Co. Ltd.

WE have just received a special shipment of—

LADIES & GENTLEMEN'S

SIGNET RINGS

Also—  
**SLAVE BANGLES**

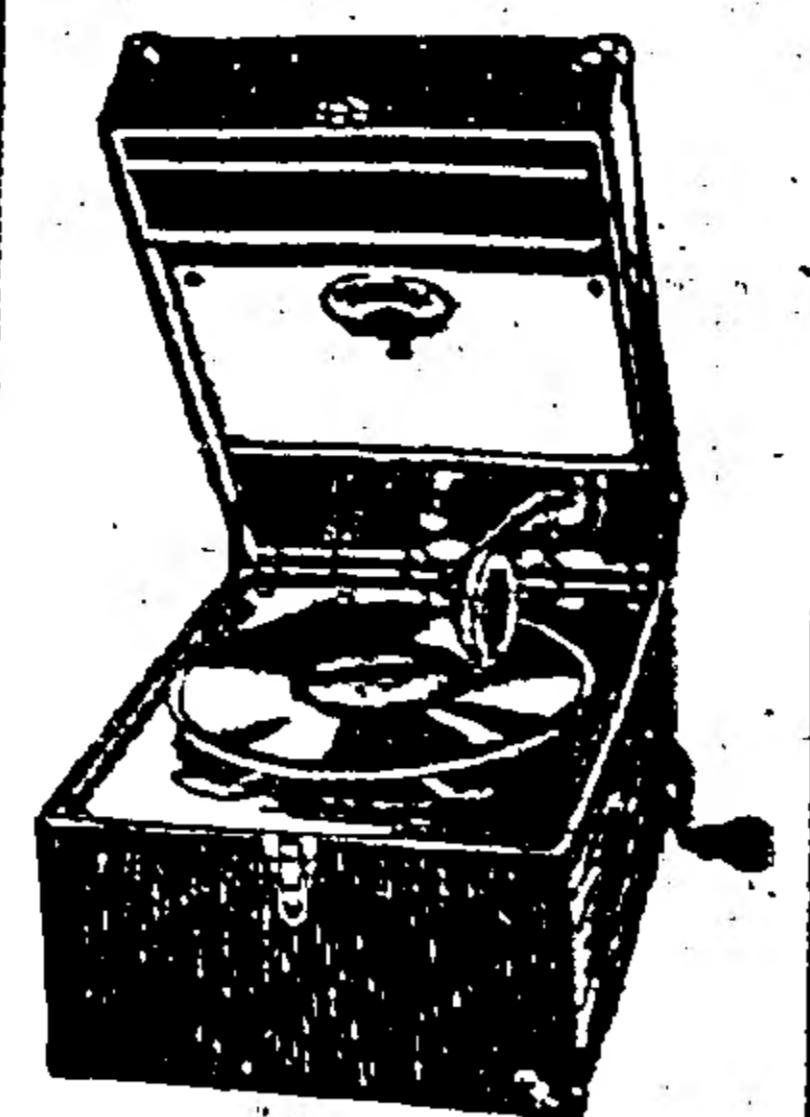
All solid gold, English Hallmarked.

Inspection Invited.

69, Queen's Road Central.

**SHERIFF BROS.**

**NOTICE**  
**THE IDEAL CHRISTMAS GIFT**



**THE NEW COLUMBIA PORTABLE GRAFONOLA**

with patent tone control leaves by which you can have loud tone, medium tone or soft tone.

CARRIES TEN INCH RECORDS CALL AND HEAR IT AT

**ANDERSON'S**

**WE RECOMMEND CALDER'S IMPERIAL STOUT**

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THE

**Empress Store**

**Kowloon.**

RADIO—MAGNAVOX Loud Speakers and Amplifiers. Batteries, Insulators, Crystals, Aerial Wires, and all other parts.

DE SOUSA & CO., LTD., St George's Bldg, 2nd Floor. Tel. No. Central 1264

MONIES up to \$175,000 are available for investment on first class Mortgage security subject to a trustee valuation.

Apply to Messrs. Deacon Harston & Shenton, 1 Des Voeux Road Central.

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The best Christmas present for your musical friend is some VICTOR RECORDS S. MOUTRIE & Co., Ltd.

**NOTICE**  
**THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING CO., LTD.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of The Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 5 Queen's Road, Central, Victoria, Hongkong, at noon on the 18th day of December, 1923, when the subjoined resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution that is to say—

"That the Company be wound up voluntarily".

AND NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same time and place on the 4th day of January, 1924, for the purpose of receiving Report of the proceedings at the above mentioned meeting and of confirming if thought fit as a Special Resolution the above mentioned Resolution.

A further Resolution will be proposed at the second meeting for the appointment of a Liquidator or Liquidators for the purposes of such winding up and fixing his or their remuneration.

L. S. GREENHILL, Acting Secretary to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD. General Agents for The Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited.

Hongkong, 30th Nov., 1923.

**COLONIAL HAIR-DRESSING SALOON**

13 Ice House Street High Class Barbers-Sanitary & up-to-date Saloon Filpins and Japanese barbers.

Popular Prices.

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER Co., (1918), Ltd.

THE Fifth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on THURSDAY the 20th December, 1923, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon; for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st September, 1923, and electing Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 7th. December, 1923, until Thursday, the 20th. December, 1923, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 30th November, 1923.

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**XMAS SALE**

NOW ON.

Bargains in Every Dept..

**YEE SANG FAT CO.**

IF YOU POSSESS ONE HYDES EXPOSURE METER We guarantee you will take photographs with right Exposures.

Sole agents in China. HALL, LAW & CO. Tel. 3217. No. 30-32, Des Voeux Road, Central.

**GOLDEN STATE BUTTER**

From CALIFORNIA CREAMERIES.

Sold by all the leading dealers in one pound cartons—(FRESH)—and ½ and 1 lb. tins.

SOLE AGENTS—GETZ BROS. & CO., of the Orient Ltd. PROVISION DEPT.

**WOMEN SAILORS.**

An Extending Movement.

Women are serving to-day in nearly every branch of the merchant service writes L. G. Green in a Home paper.

The most unlikely profession in the world now seems to open to them. The time when only positions as stewardesses were available has certainly gone.

Quite recently a woman skipper took her own motor cargo boat down the Thames to the Isle of Wight. Several large foreign ocean-going freighters are commanded by women.

Possibly the most remarkable instance of a woman at sea is that of the woman engineer, Miss V. A. Drummond, who stood her watch in dungarees in the engine-room of a Liverpool liner.

Several Norwegian girls are serving as wireless operators in the ships of their own country—and, indeed, this is among the most suitable jobs for women.

On deck, able-bodied "seawomen" would find the task no more exacting than work in a factory ashore. A novelist recently sailed halfway round the world in a tiny yacht with his sister as mate and wrote enthusiastically about her proficiency.

Little ships seem to have provided most jobs for women up to now. Scores of Thames barges carry the skipper's wife, a person who is up to any emergency, and as good as most men in the matter of steering, cooking, and washing.

SUPERSTITION.

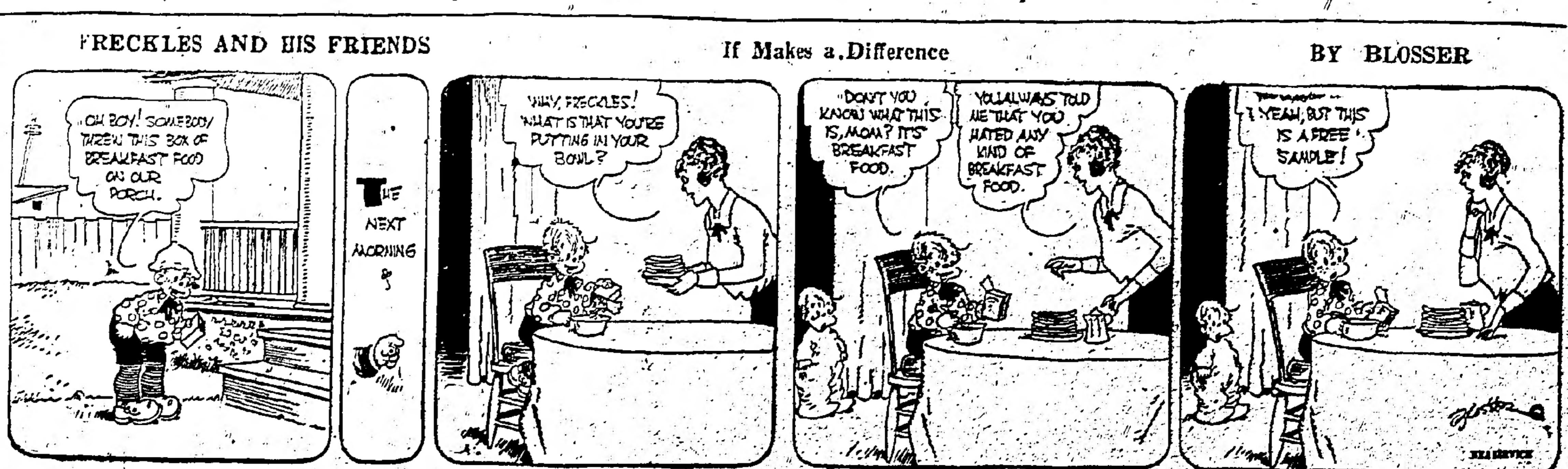
The "signing on" of a woman breaks one of the oldest superstitions of the sea. To the real old shellback, a woman abord is only slightly less dangerous than sailing on a Friday. But old shellbacks are passing with prejudices of their day.

Generally speaking, life at sea nowadays is not the grim profession of hardship that it was when ill-found wind-jammers beat their weary way round the Horn.

There are plenty of women air pilots, and if the female brain is quick enough to carry out that task successfully, it can navigate a ship with ease, even in time of danger. Night watches will trouble the female sailor no more than they do the hospital nurse.

In one branch of work in liner and tramp alike the woman will be welcomed, and that is the galley. Her arrival will synchronise with the departure of the notorious "grubspoilers" of the sea. Board of Trade regulations will take on a new flavour under tender feminine care.

BY BLOSSER



To Connoisseurs

WATSON'S

FINEST

OLD BROWN

## BRANDY

Is Unsurpassed as a Liqueur.

Exquisitely Mellow, and of Fine Aroma:  
Delightful to the Palate:

(Blends Deliciously with Watson's Dry Ginger Ale).

A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LTD.

WINE &amp; SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

PHONE 616.

## THE STANDARD

BY WHICH ALL OTHER TALKING  
MACHINES ARE JUDGED:-

## THE VICTROLA

THEY COST NO MORE  
BUT-----  
WHAT A DIFFERENCE!!!GET YOUR VICTROLA  
THIS

## CHRISTMAS

S. Moutrie Co., Ltd.

Exclusive  
Agents.

## LANE, CRAWFORD LTD.

THE HOUSE OF

Quality.



Xmas

Goodies

Plum Puddings from...	1.10 to 3.85
Mince Meat	1.00 " 2.00
Christmas Cake	per lb. tin 3.50, 2lb. 5.00
Dessert Almonds	1lb. 1.50, 1lb. 3.00
Muscateals (fine clusters)	per lb. 2.00
Salted Almonds	per small jar 1.95, large 3.00
Pulled Figs	per box 2.75
Layer Figs	.70
Tunis Dates	1.10
Elva Plums	per small box 2.75, large 5.00
Stuffed (nut) Dates	per jar 2.25
Stuffed (nut) Prunes	2.25
Nuts Almond	per lb. .80
Nuts Brazil	.80
Turkish Delight	per box 1.00
Jaya (Preserved) Figs	1.00
Creme de Minthe (Dessert)	per tin. 65
Scoteli Shortbread (Fancy tins)	1.25
Chocolate Biscuits	1.50
A Gorgeous Assortment of boxes of Chocolates from	1.50 to 30.00

## XMAS SHOPPING.

For the convenience of our Customers, we shall remain open until 6 o'clock p.m.

## HERRING HALL

## MARVIN SAFES

FOR  
OFFICE, HOUSEHOLD OR  
PERSONAL USE IN KEY-  
LOCK OR COMBINATION  
ATTACHMENT.THE SAFE WIT  
REPUTATION.Immediate Stocks  
Offering.

## MUSTARD AND CO.

17, Connaught Road, Central,  
Tel. No. 1188.

## MARRIAGE.

KINNAIRD Mc MILLAN.—  
At Union Church, Kennedy Road,  
on 19th, inst., by the Rev.  
J. K. Macnachie, John Daniel  
Fleming, Greenock, to Annabel  
Jameson, youngest daughter  
of the late James McMillan,  
Greenock.

## The Telegraph.

HONGKONG, 19th Dec., 1923.

## NORTH AND SOUTH.

How long will the so-called Peking Government continue to function? According to a Northern commentator, it may manage to carry on until just before the Chinese New Year, when a crisis is apprehended which, it is calculated, will involve its downfall. Of the questions which will be particularly prominent when this crisis is reached, and even before, are those of military pay, the arrears due to Government employees, the paying of many who have been dismissed under the retrenchment scheme, as well as other arrears which have still to be made good. The copper note crisis is also aggravating the situation, whilst over and above all these matters is the discovering of ways and means for meeting the monthly administrative expenses as they fall due. All these issues are of much concern to the Government, which, like that in Canton, scarcely knows which way to turn in order to secure funds. It is the same cry North and South—the need of more money.

When we begin to think of the absolutely undeveloped resources of this vast country and then turn our minds to the present situation, we cannot, as well-wishers of China and the Chinese, but feel profoundly sorry at the gloomy outlook which confronts the nation at the moment. The possibilities are in such vivid contrast to the actualities. From the purely political standpoint, and also from the viewpoint of Government finances, China stands today a bankrupt country. The causes are too well known to require emphasis. The fact is deplorable. Notwithstanding the reprehensible manner of his election, it was hoped in some quarters that President Tsao Kun might be able to put the country on its feet. So far, he has miserably failed. Like so many of his predecessors, he has been a tool in the hands of the militarists.

Even a military dictator who worked for the real well-being of the country would be better than men of the type who have in recent years been jockeyed into the Presidential chair. But no man with sufficient strength of character or singleness of purpose has yet come forward. China sadly needs a Mussolini. Military cliques hold sway both in the North and the South, each seeking to further its own interests, though professing a desire to "save the nation." It would be far more to the benefit of the country to be saved from the schemings of such as these. Political leaders with high patriotic motives are few and far between in China. And at the moment we can see little prospect of the facts being otherwise.

## Old Notions Going.

A Chinese gentleman who teaches Mandarin Chinese at Columbia University declares that it is easier to learn to speak and read than some of the European languages, and takes no longer to master than German, French or Spanish. Possibly he is quite right, and it means another fetish going by the board. Probably mankind will find during the next few generations that many more of his inherited notions are wrong. Hitherto the idea of Chinese as a very difficult language has held sway in the minds of all Westerners, yet there are some acquiring one or other of the dialects every day. A scientist recently proved that a red rag had no more effect on a bull than a white one. It looks as if a familiar English phrase will have to go with other anachronisms. The explorer Stefansson claims that the Far North has a climate at least as good as that further south in Northern Canada, Scandinavia, or parts of Russia and Siberia. He writes enchantingly of the dry, bracing winters and beautiful summers, when flowers bloom profusely, and butterflies and even mosquitoes make themselves noticeable. He says we have inherited our belief that the Arctic has a terrible climate from the ancients, who had never visited those regions, and from former explorers posing as heroes. Medical men are now talking seriously of future white settlement of parts of the Tropics! It seems as if mankind is still labouring under various fond superstitions of his great grandfathers.

## Afghan Enmity.

The cables received to-day about the situation in Afghanistan are decidedly conflicting in one case we learn that a well-equipped army of Afghans have reached the Indian frontier for the purpose, presumably, of cooperating with the British forces in hunting for a small gang of murderers, whilst on the other hand it is admitted that Britain has reason to complain about the Afghan Government's attitude on the border. The allegation, made in an earlier message, that the British authorities aim at the annexation of Afghanistan, is too absurd for intelligent persons to believe, and can be traced to the Bolshevik source responsible for all the recent unrest near the North-West frontier. What Britain wants to see is a strictly neutral Afghanistan, instead of a neighbour apparently swayed by intrigue and covertly hostile. It is evident, from the news now coming over the wires, that an anti-British faction are holding power across the border. It were better, anyhow, to have these schemers openly at enmity with us, so that the necessary measures can be taken to counter their intrigues, than to have false promises of friendship and remain uncertain whether they are contemplating a sudden stab in the back. The story of "from Herat to Kabul" and of Lord Roberts' Kandahar should not be forgotten.

## CRICKET.

The K.C.C. 1st XI is to meet the R.G.A. in a League match at Kowloon on Saturday at 2.15 p.m. The home team will be—Messrs. J. P. Robinson (capt.), A. W. Ramsay, S. Jex, R. Pestonji, W. Hyde, L. A. R. Duncan, R. E. Lindsell, J. C. Fletcher, L. E. Lammett, J. Fraser, and F. W. Howell.

## DAY BY DAY.

NEVER LET A MAN IMAGINE THAT HE CAN PURSUE A GOOD END BY EVIL MEANS, WITHOUT SINNING AGAINST HIS OWN SOUL. THE EVIL EFFECT ON HIMSELF IS CERTAIN.—Southey.

"The Armchair Critic's" cricket notes will appear to-morrow.

The Legislative Council meets to-morrow, when seven Bills are down for second reading.

From Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., we have received a number of very useful desk calendars.

The Bogey Pool Competition, played at Fa Hing on 15th, 16th and 17th inst. was won by Mr. B. D. Evans, all square.

There were eleven further cases of small-pox (all Chinese) notified yesterday, as well as one Portuguese case of diphtheria.

The Italian Opera Company commences its short season at the Theatre Royal this evening, when "Carmen" will be produced. We are asked to request patrons to be in their seats promptly by 9.15 p.m.

A report from Sheklung states that the Cantonese troops which were blockaded at Chingo have managed to fight their way out and have retreated to Shekten. General Chan's forces are proceeding to attack Tsangtsing.

From Mr. E. Ralph (in charge of the St. John Ambulance Brigade in the Colony) we learn that members of the Brigade have during the present campaign vaccinated 10,908 persons. Vaccination is still going on.

In connection with the Quarry Bay branch of the Hongkong Women's Guild and Ministering Children's League, ticket No. 24 won the first prize in the Doll Raffle. Will Mrs. Stephens apply for prize to Mrs. K. E. Griege, c/o Taikoo Dockyard?—Advt.

The Philippine Carnival Association has issued an interesting handbook relating to the forthcoming Carnival and Commercial and Industrial Fair, which takes place from the 16th to 24th February next. Besides giving much information relating to the Carnival, it contains data of the principal exports and imports, together with a list of trade organisations and agencies in the islands.

Amongst the passengers who arrived by the Empress of Asia this morning were Lady Leveson, Miss P. Leveson, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Marsh, Mrs. A. G. Stephen, Mrs. H. S. Rouse, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Apcar, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Buckborough, Mr. W. L. Pattenden, Mr. D. E. Donnelly, Mr. J. D. Humphreys, Mr. D. S. Neilson, Mr. I. Zellensky and Mr. A. F. Silva-Netto.

The man and woman who were tried at the Criminal Sessions for possession of a forged plant at Yaumati were yesterday found guilty by the jury. The Chinese Judge sentenced the man to five years' hard labour on the first two charges, the sentences to run consecutively, as well as another five years on a third charge, this to run concurrently with the first two. The woman was sentenced to one year's hard labour on two charges.

This is from the *Canton Gazette*—Messrs. Shawen, Tomes & Co. Shamen, received a letter from a blackmailer demanding a "loan" of one thousand dollars, Hongkong currency. The blackmailer signed himself as Kwan Yi-wa, commander of Hop Yi Tong, and threatened the manager of the firm that he would be commanded if the loan should not be advanced within three days. The Shewau Tomes manager has delivered the letter to the U. S. Consul at Shamen, according to the *Kuok Wo Po*.

IMAGINED GOLF DIFFICULTIES. The truth is golf is a self hypnotic. People hypnotise themselves with the imagined difficulties. They create their troubles for themselves. When they begin the game they are overawed by its difficulty. The real difficulty is that they are afraid of making fools of themselves by missing a small ball with a big club. Ex-

## THE CUSTOMS DISPUTE.

## MEETING OF DR. SUN'S OFFICIALS.

## OUTSPOKEN NEWSPAPER COMMENT.

Matters have not come to a head in connection with the Canton Customs dispute, although much interest is being centred on what will transpire to-day, when Dr. Sun Yat-sen's "ultimatum" expires.

An important meeting took place at Dr. Sun's headquarters at the Cement Works on Monday, being attended by all the high civil and military officials. The Customs surplus question and the presence of foreign warships in the river were discussed. The meeting lasted three hours, but it is not known what decisions were reached.

## DIPLOMATIC BODY'S REPLY.

The *Canton Gazette* says—With respect to the case of the Customs Surplus on which Mr. C. Wu, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, has made representations to the Diplomatic Body in Peking, the Southern Government's view-point is that after paying foreign charges what is left is the Customs Surplus. No consideration can be taken of any claim or claims of internal loans or other uses. Foreign nations are only concerned with the security for their debts so that after these charges are paid, the Surplus is purely a Chinese matter in which they have no voice or control.

The reply of the Diplomatic Body to the Southern Government, received on the 14th instant, concurs in this viewpoint and clearly recognises it. Thus the Customs Surplus remains a matter of internal administration and the foreign Powers cannot interfere with it. This is the first indication of the attitude of the Diplomatic Body on the Customs Surplus. It is clear that the Diplomatic Body recognises the fact that the matter of Customs Surplus is purely a question of China's internal administration. This is a point gained in the Customs matter and should facilitate the measures the Government may take in the future. The Government will have to deal not with the foreign Governments but with the Customs officials who, as the whole world knows, are the servants of the Chinese Government.

## KUOMINTANG MEMBERS ACTIVE.

The Canton Kuomintang members held a meeting yesterday afternoon (says the *Canton Gazette* of Tuesday) to discuss the Customs Surplus question, at the Canton Red Cross Society Building. Several delegates were appointed to call on the authorities urging them to keep a firm stand on the question.

The Wang Yan Publicity Club gave several public lectures in Sai-ka-yuan. The lecturers pointed out the importance of the Customs question and urged the public to assist the government in its strife for the return of the Southern share of the Surplus.

## LABOUR SUPPORT.

Many telegrams have been received by the authorities from public organizations elsewhere with regard to the Customs Surplus question, says the same journal. The M.P.s in Shanghai telegraph to Dr. Sun stating that they will send a manifesto to the Diplomatic Corps in Peking regarding the question of the Customs Surplus.

The Citizens' Diplomatic Society of Shanghai has sent a telegram to the local authorities requesting them not to give in in the strife for the return of the proper share of the Surplus to the Canton Government. Telegrams to the same effect have also been received from labour organizations in Fatshan, Taihui, and Heungsham, Chan-chuen, and Sun-wui.

THE FOREIGN WARSHIPS. In the course of a leading article, the *Canton Gazette* states—

The presence in Canton of 6 American, 5 British, 2 Japanese, 2 French, and one Portuguese warship, representatives of 5 foreign Powers, making a total 16 ships, may well cause the peaceful inhabitants of Canton to inquire what they are here for? Shamen is certainly not a training station for the cadets and yet these bluejackets were holding military drills yesterday. What does this mean?

Somebody ventures the remark that this is an answer to the

## ST. DUNSTAN'S.

## HONGKONG'S INTEREST SOUGHT.

It is hoped there will be a large attendance at the screening of a special film at Government House on Friday, at 3.30 p.m., which will illustrate the daily life of the blinded soldiers and sailors at St. Dunstan's Home. Mr. W. E. Cowen, the travelling commissioner for the Home, will speak and give the Hongkong public a clear idea of the magnificent work which this institution is doing.

Mr. Cowen has been working in the interests of the Home for the past eight years and he left the Old Country on his present tour about a year ago. Since then he has been all through South America, South Africa, British East Africa, India, Ceylon, the F. M. S. and Straits Settlements, as well as Siam. After leaving Hongkong, he will visit various parts of China and then proceed Home via Vancouver, making a tour of Canada and reaching Home in September next year. His chief work is to organise committees who will undertake to do something for St. Dunstan's at least once a year.

Customs Surplus affair. If we remember correctly, in a recent dispatch addressed by the Department for Foreign Affairs of the Southern Government to the Diplomatic Corps, it was clearly stated that if portion of the share of the Customs Surplus is not given to the South, then in two weeks' time the Government would order the Commissioner of Customs to cease remitting the funds collected at the port, to Peking, so that the Mandarins and Militarists there may not use the funds indirectly to intrigue against Canton and finance military expeditions against it. It was further stated that there was no interference with the Customs contemplated, nor any taking over of the administration of the Customs threatened. It was a purely Chinese internal matter. That being so, we are at a loss to understand the meaning of this demonstration, and are entitled to ask the question "what is this demonstration for?" Right along the people of Canton have preserved a very calm attitude and it is but natural therefore for them to resent the presence of these war-ships. The procession of yesterday may be taken as a protest from them.

On the other hand it is bound to be pretty embarrassing to the foreign Powers themselves, after sending their armada to Canton, to find that they have nothing for them to do except possibly to make a mighty gesture and then withdraw, and under cover of the darkness of the night disappear from Canton waters altogether.

Anyone with a casual acquaintance of the Southern authorities knows that if they consider that they are in the right, 16 warships, yea, 160, will not in the least prevent them from pursuing their course regardless of what the consequences may be. It is only folly to try to bully them. The days of bullying Chinese officials, particularly officials of the South, we fear, are well-nigh ended.

Those who know the Cantonese people well will readily attest the fact that they do not view such a demonstration with indifference. The foreign Powers and their consuls here must be held responsible for any provocation or dire consequences due to the presence of these war-ships. In the light of the whole affair, the authorities here are to be congratulated for their calmness in dealing with an admittedly difficult situation. They have conducted the negotiations with the Diplomatic Corps on this question for months and have clearly shown a spirit of patience and esteem throughout. Of this, there is no doubt.

Somebody then must have got panicky for we understand that it is sufficiently pointed out that no interference with the administration of the Customs has been contemplated. Meanwhile we shall fervently pray that these Western Leviathans of Destruction may leave our unfortified, unprotected, and peaceful City of the Rams alone. The slaughter, misery, blood, and hell, such dastardly inventions have brought to Europe, have not advanced the cause of peace, prosperity, and harmony of Europe one bit

\$50,000 RANSOM.

**CONSPIRACY CHARGE AT SESSIONS.**

A conspiracy to obtain a ransom for \$50,000 from a pawnbroker for the release of his son formed the subject matter of a charge on which women appeared before Mr. Justice Gompertz at the Criminal Sessions, this morning. One of the accused also had to answer a charge of sending a threatening letter. He was defended by Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., instructed by Messrs. Lee and Russ. The other prisoner was not legally defended.

The jury were Messrs. P. R. Glendinning (foreman), A. C. Franklin, C. B. Matthews, A. E. Murphy, A. A. d'Almeida, J. L. McPherson and S. S. Church.

Mr. H. K. Holmes, in the course of his opening address for the Crown, said the offences related to the kidnapping of the son of a manager of a pawnshop at Canton, who was also a partner in a firm in Hongkong. The son disappeared on Sept. 25th and the first news of what had happened to him came in a letter to the Canton shop, which was forwarded to Hongkong. About Oct. 1st another letter—unsigned—arrived. Apparently there was some miscarriage of letters, and a further communication was received by the father, making an appointment in Yau Ma Tei. In consequence of this, the father sent two representatives to Yau Ma Tei, one of them by arrangement carrying a palm leaf fan.

Almost immediately on the arrival of these two representatives at the restaurant at Yau Ma Tei, Mr. Holmes continued, the first prisoner came in. He sat down at their table, and after some conversation in which the father's name was mentioned, the three men set out for the hillside near King's Park. One of the representatives went with the first accused up the hill and there they met another man. There was some reference to a ransom of \$50,000, and the representative said he would get an answer.

Another meeting place was arranged, Mr. Holmes continued, and on Oct. 16th, two representatives, one of whom was a district watchman again went carrying a palm leaf fan, to a restaurant at Yau Ma Tei. Here they met both accused. After discussing the ransom, the two accused said they would go to Canton to see if a smaller sum would be accepted. The first accused wrote down a place for the next meeting on a piece of paper, telling the representatives this time to hold two pears in their hands. The watchman then arrested both men.

Mr. Holmes said he was calling evidence to show that between Oct. 6th and Oct. 16th both men were living together in a cubicle at Yau Ma Tei. After the arrest, Inspector Appleton visited this cubicle, where he found letters relating to the kidnapping.

When charged, the first accused said the letter (which he was charged with sending) was given him by another man, by whom all the business was done. The second prisoner said the son was captured by another man, who told him that whoever discussed the price of the ransom would be given a taal of raw opium for every \$100. He did this to get the value of the raw opium.

The evidence was being heard as we went to press.

**A PUZZLE A DAY.**

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If a double letter (like CC or DD) is inserted at six different places in the line shown above, a sentence will be formed. It will tell what a certain man said when he learned one of his friends was opening a drug store.

Monday's answer:

1 Mile in 60 seconds is—50 miles an hour.

1 Mile in 90 seconds is—40 miles an hour.

1 Mile in 120 seconds is—30 miles an hour.

This is a very puzzling problem. The average person will figure that a mile in 90 seconds is 45 miles per hour. Their reason, however, is determined by dividing 90 into 3600 (the number of seconds in an hour), which gives the correct result—40.

**THE PHILHARMONIC.****LAST NIGHT'S THEATRE CONCERT.****HOME FOOTBALL.****THE POINTS TO DATE.**

We gave on Monday the latest results in the English and Scottish "soccer" Leagues, first division. The points to date are—

P. W. L. D. Pts.

Cardiff C	19	11	1	7	29
Huddersfield	19	11	4	4	26
Aston Villa	21	8	4	9	25
Bolton W	21	8	4	9	25
Sheffield U	19	9	4	5	25
Everton	21	9	6	6	24
Sunderland	20	10	6	4	24
Newcastle U	20	9	7	4	22
Blackburn R	19	8	6	5	21
Notts C	19	7	5	7	21
Tottenham H	19	7	5	7	21
Manchester C	19	8	6	5	21
West Brom A	19	6	7	6	18
West Ham	19	5	7	7	17
Burnley	19	5	7	7	17
Liverpool	19	6	9	4	16
Arsenal	19	5	9	5	15
Notts Forest	19	5	10	4	14
Chelsea	20	3	10	7	13
Birmingham	20	3	10	7	13
Middlesbrough	19	4	12	3	12
Freston N E	19	3	11	5	11

**SCOTTISH LEAGUE—FIRST DIVISION.**

Rangers	18	13	1	4	30
Celtic	19	9	2	8	25
Airdrieonians	19	9	4	6	24
Raith Rovers	19	9	3	4	22
Partick T	19	9	3	3	21
Aberdeen	19	8	5	5	21
St. Mirren	18	7	5	6	20
Kilmarnock	18	7	6	5	19
Hearts	19	6	6	5	19
Hibernians	19	6	7	6	18
Clyde	19	6	8	5	17
Third Lanark	19	8	10	1	17
Dundee	18	6	8	4	16
Falkirk	19	5	9	5	15
Greenock M	20	6	11	3	15
Queen's Park	18	6	10	2	14
Motherwell	18	6	10	2	14
Hamilton A	18	6	10	2	14
Clydebank	19	5	10	4	14
Ayr United	18	4	8	6	14

by Mrs. Mathieson. The rest of the evening was occupied by Elgar's ballad "The Banner of St. George" in which Wensley's fine poem has been used. Elgar has written much better music than this, for it is somewhat dull and certainly uninspiring. In any case it was far too heavy for the resources of the local Society, the orchestra not being given a fair chance to be appreciated.

But it remains to be said that both chorus and orchestra tackled the work bravely, whilst Mrs. S. Collett, who sang the solos of Sabor, provided a real treat. She is a talented soprano of whom we should like to hear more.

At the conclusion of the evening both Mr. Bevan and those under him came in for a round of appreciative applause.

Those assisting last night were:

Sopranos.—Miss M. Braga, Mrs. D. G. Brown, Mrs. G. A. Clements, Mrs. S. Collett, Miss Grant, Miss A. Green, Mrs. Groundwater, Miss C. Hansen, Miss Hendry, Mrs. F. J. Ling, Mrs. Luck, Mrs. Mime, Mrs. Minney, Mrs. McLeod, Miss Moy, Fung, Miss D. O'Keefe, Mrs. Parramore, Miss D. Perkins, Miss E. A. Perkins, Mrs. W. A. Rundell, Mrs. C. C. Stark and Miss C. Wilmutt.

Altos.—Staff Sgt. H. J. Best, R.E., Miss Butt, Mrs. J. G. Dick, Mrs. Goodall, Mrs. J. H. Hearn, Mrs. A. Mackenzie, Mrs. Mathieson, Miss Nicholl, Miss J. Price, Mrs. J. B. Ross, Mrs. G. Stublings, Mrs. M. Vinall and Mrs. Miss J. Wilson.

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Basses.—Mr. C. H. Beavis, Lt. R. Beauchamp, R.N., Mr. S. Collett, Mr. A. A. Galivane, Mr. P. W. Green, Mr. F. H. Layman, Mr. F. J. Ling, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. T. G. Patterson, Mr. G. H. Piercy, Mr. W. A. Rundell and Mr. J. C. Taylor.

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Viola.—Mr. J. Graca Ozorio.

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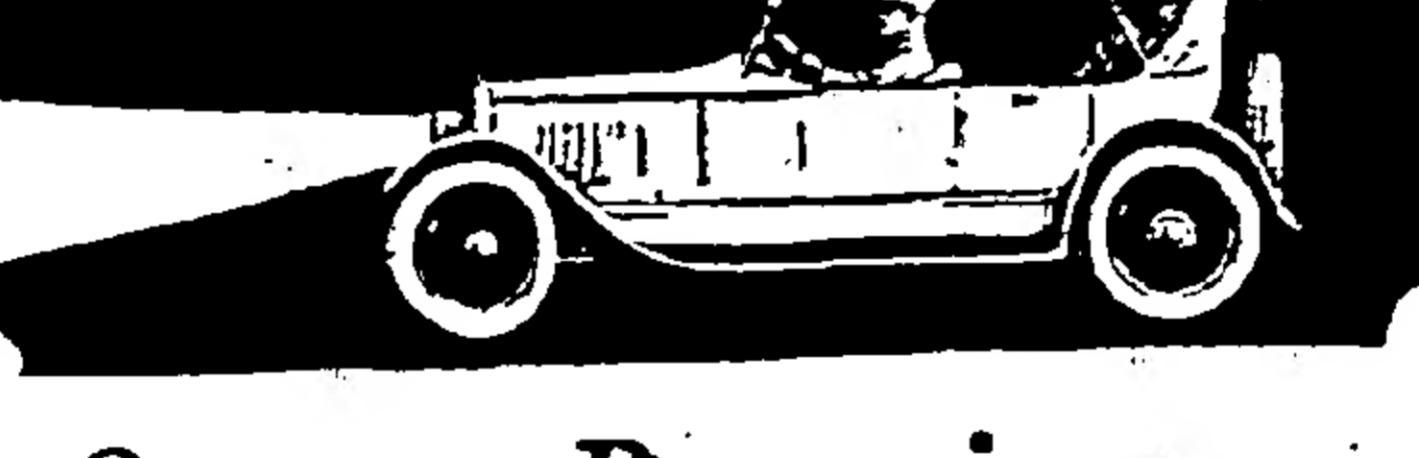
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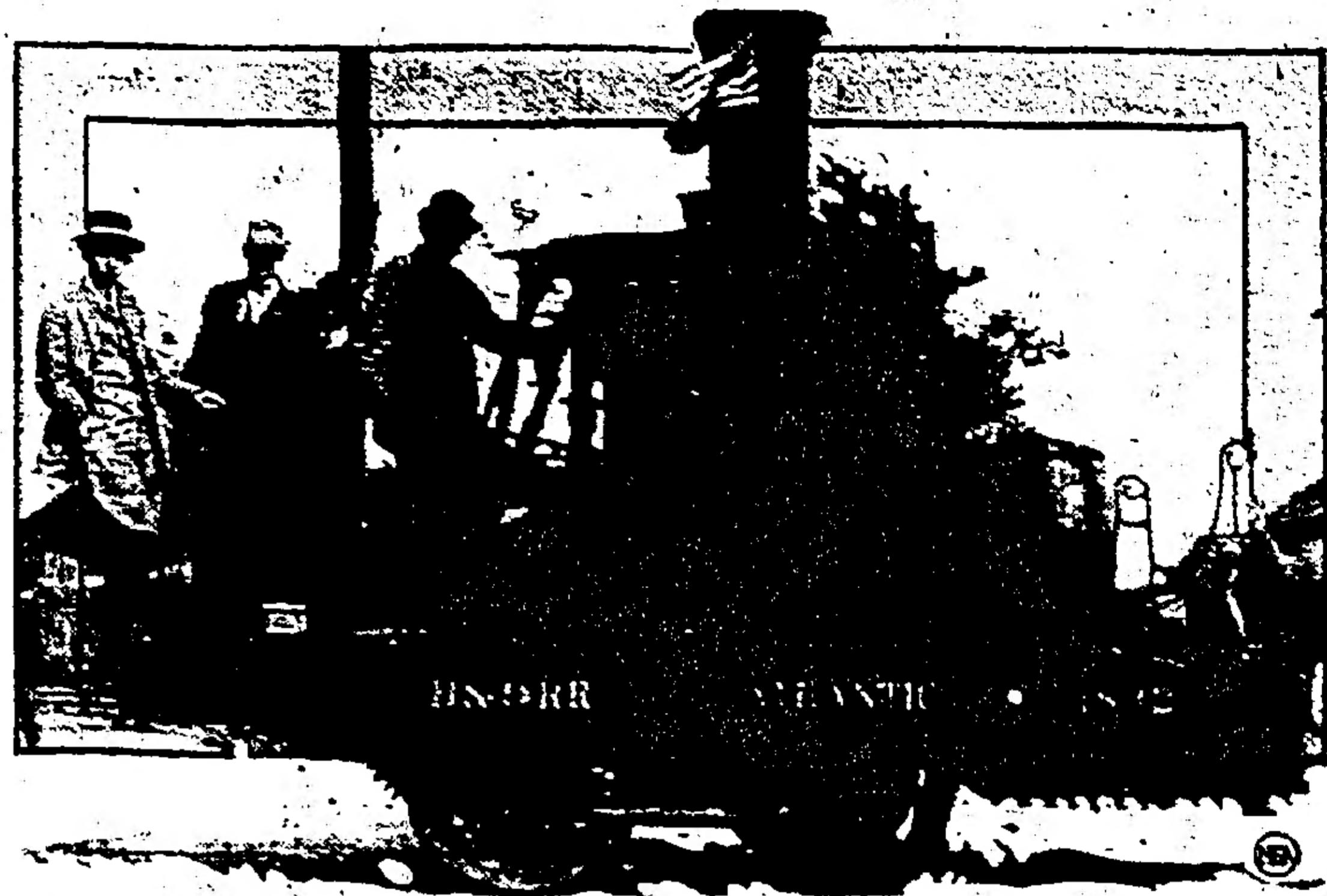


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# CAMERA NEWS.



Latest photograph of the Hon. Joan Yarde-Buller, eldest daughter of Lord and Lady Churston, who is considered one of England's most beautiful girls.



Here is the first locomotive ever to enter the American national capital. It's the Atlantic, designed by a York watchmaker for the Baltimore & Ohio railroad in 1832. At the recent three-day golden jubilee celebration at North Baltimore, folk from miles around got a ride on it.



This unusual photograph was taken in Munich, Germany, recently. The occasion was the unveiling of a memorial dedicated to the dead soldiers of the former regiment of the Bavarian King (Leibregiment). It shows General von Lossow, present commander of the Bavarian Reichswehr (centre); General Count Bothmer (left); and former Crown Prince Rupprecht (right). Dr. von Kahr, Bavarian dictator, is shown at left of picture, wearing a top hat.



Babe Ruth is here seen on first base during the third game of the world series at the Yankee Stadium.



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Under the title of "Cenotaph" Mr. Thomas Moult has assembled an anthology of prose and verse relevant to the commemoration of November 11. The editor has made his selection with taste and judgment from the best offerings of literature and journalism upon the shrine of heroic memory.

#### AUSTRIAN JUDGES IN RAGS

Dr. Friedrich Engel, the President of the Vienna Commercial Court and of the Union of Judges, has resigned the latter position, which he held for nearly ten years. To-day the average monthly income of the judges is from £6 to £8. It is true that there are certain judges in the highest positions who enjoy about double that income, but many receive even much less than the average. In an article Dr. Engel describes the misery among judges. There are cases in which, together with their wives and children, they suffer hunger; there are also cases of clothes literally falling to pieces, so that a benefactor had to dress one judge from head to foot.

#### RADIO NOTES AND NEWS.

##### The Sale of Wireless Apparatus.

At the present time there is somewhat of a lull in the demand for wireless apparatus, says the *Electric Times*, due to several causes which are not difficult to trace. Pending the publication of the report of the Broadcasting Committee, uncertainty prevails as to the future and would-be users are holding back. With the summer weather and the attractions of outdoor sports, wireless entertainments do not appeal so readily to the householder, but with the coming of the dark evenings again there should be a spurt in trade, and retailers will be well advised to make arrangements for meeting it. Conditions in America and in England are different, but in the main the principles governing sales are the same, and we quote part of an article which appeared in the *Electricist*, which contain some sound commonsense.

Radio sets and parts are comparatively quick-moving goods, says the writer. Compared to a number of other articles of merchandise they are inexpensive, can be well displayed and demonstrated, and a great deal of newspaper and magazine publicity helps to keep up the interest. In addition to these helps the actual broadcasting, which is continually improving, is a great seller of parts, equipment and complete sets. The dealer who is expecting to take advantage of all these various helps must be prepared to take care of the normal demand. The varieties in sets are so great that while the dealer cannot be expected to take down from his shelves the exact article asked for by every customer, yet he can fill practically all orders and sometimes persuade the customer to take something which he has in stock rather than go shopping elsewhere or wait till it can be ordered from the jobber.

Selling radio apparatus from hand to mouth or practically on consignment will never make any profits for the dealer. Radio is one of those things, that gets the public quick and gets him hard. When he has had a pleasant evening's entertainment at his friend's home over the radio, he becomes tired with the desire to own a set himself, and he can hardly wait till the stores open on the morrow. What will dampen his enthusiasm more quickly than to be told that the dealer is out of this and out of that, but that it can be ordered from the factory or jobber? In most every case the new radio fan will not leave the order but will go elsewhere where he can secure what he wants when he wants it.

The demand for transmitting apparatus will depend a great deal on how far radio enthusiasm has extended in the territory. The dealer can keep pretty close check on the demand by keeping an accurate record of all parts called for that are out of stock. It is absolutely essential that the dealer keep up-to-date on new circuits. Some of these require special equipment or apparatus of certain specification, and the great publicity that is generally given a new circuit brings with it a corresponding demand for these particular parts. By keeping ahead of the times instead of behind the times the dealer will be able to reap the profits from these new developments.

#### BROADCASTING IN IRELAND.

It is reported that negotiations for the formation of a broadcasting company in the Irish Free State are proceeding satisfactorily. There is authority for stating that at least six companies are interested in the scheme, and it is likely that a company will be formed with which the firms now in conference with the Post Office will be associated. An official statement as to the progress of the negotiations may be expected within a week or two. It has already been laid down that the new broadcasting company shall have a guaranteed capital of not less than £30,000, and shall undertake the erection of a broadcasting station in Dublin with possibly relay stations at Cork and Limerick, the company taking all financial responsibility for the failure or success of the scheme. The board of directors will consist of seven members representing the constituent companies and the Post Office.

#### LACQUER WARE SECRET.

##### Process Defies Tests of Analysts.

Strange as it may seem, the process of manufacture of the beautiful Foochow lacquer ware which graces so many China homes still remains the secret of one man, the eldest brother of a family controlling the industry.

The existence of this family secret has been known for years, but it was thought that under examination by skilled foreign analysts it would give its secret. But, according to the Chinese Government Bureau of Economic Information Bulletin, such is not the case.

The artists of this Fukien port still jealously guard the secret of the process. The leader of the local industry, which is famous throughout the world, is Shen Shao-an, who is one of a number of eldest sons who have received the secret of mixing the paints from their fathers. After his

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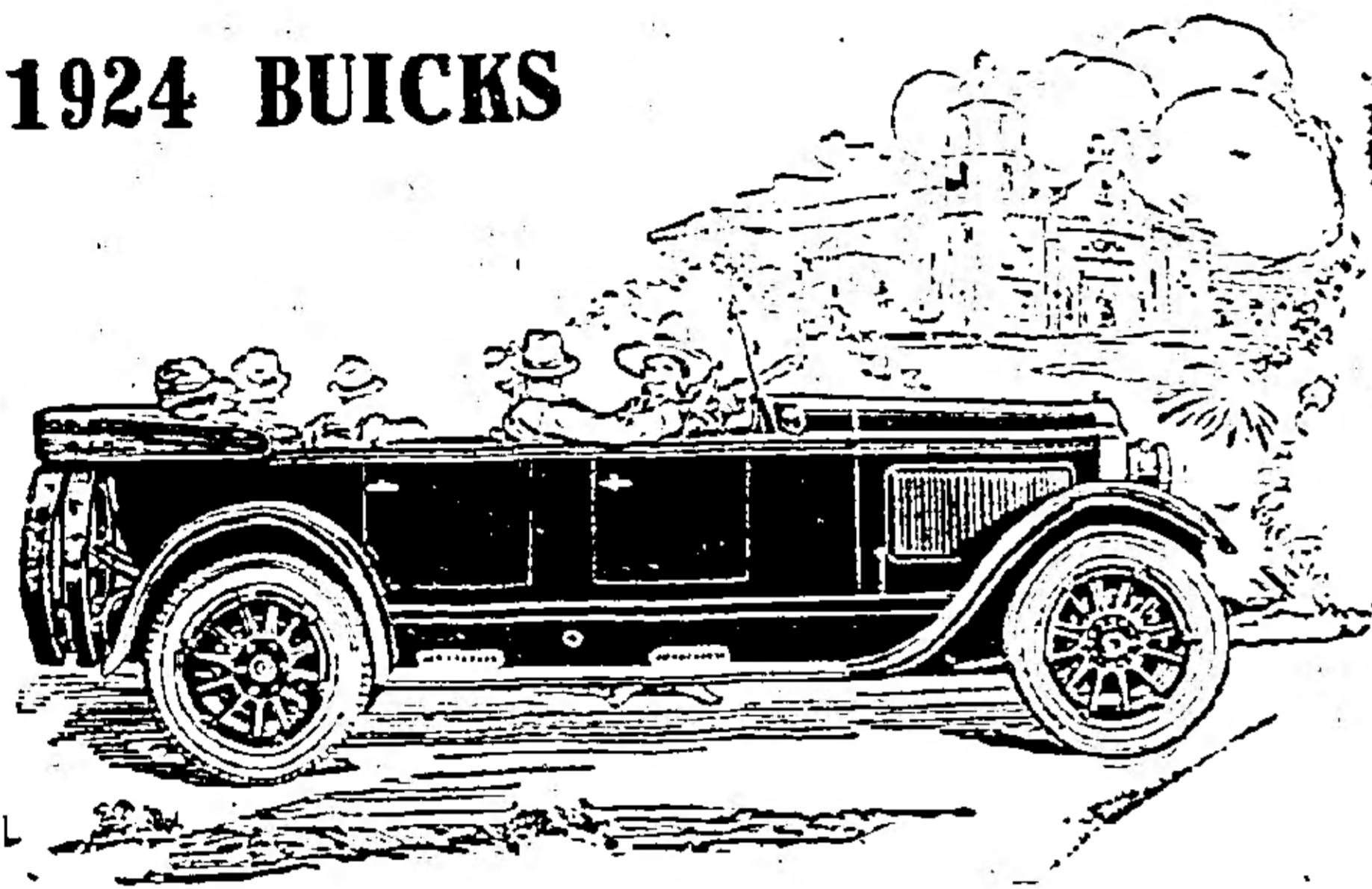
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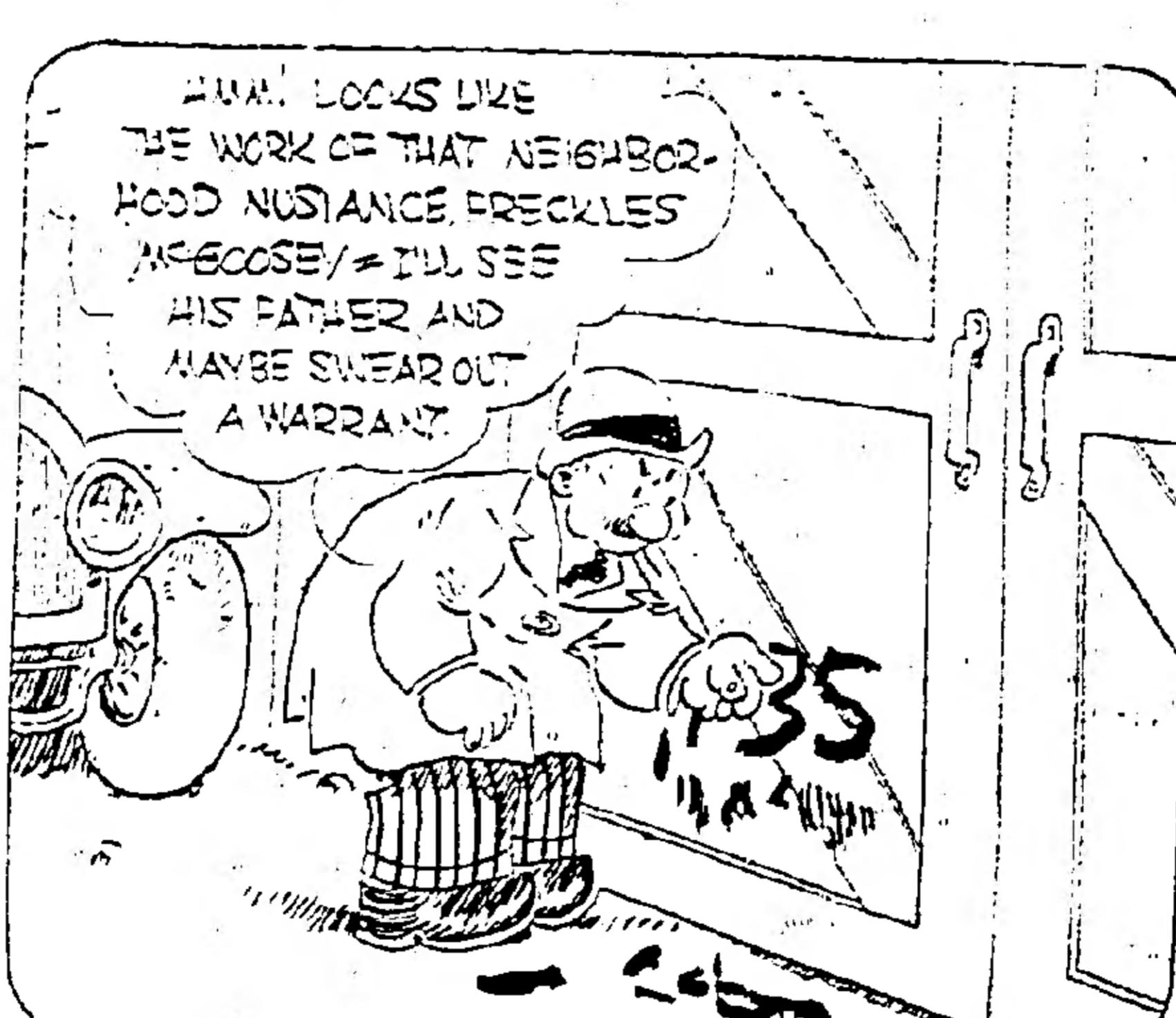
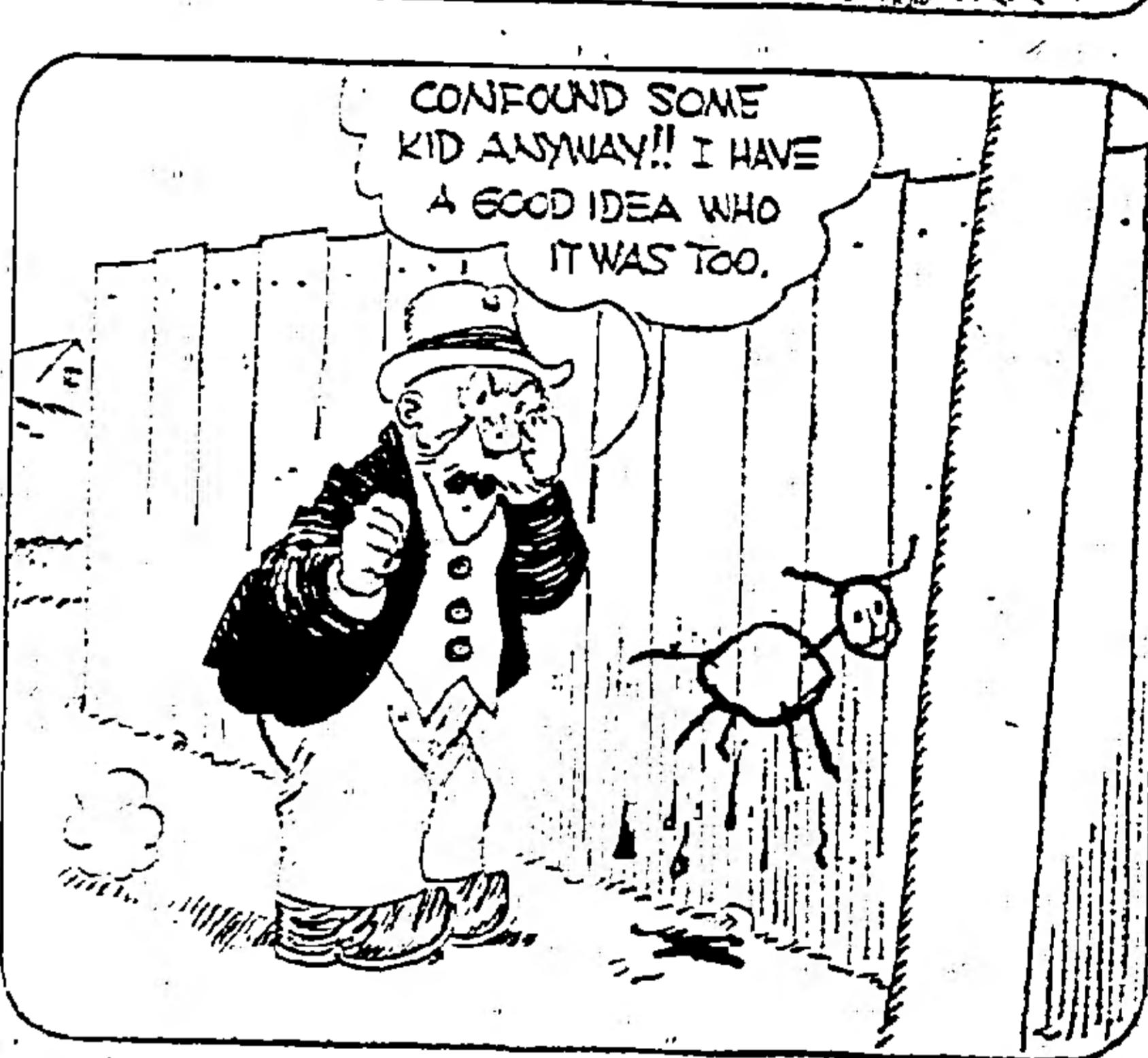
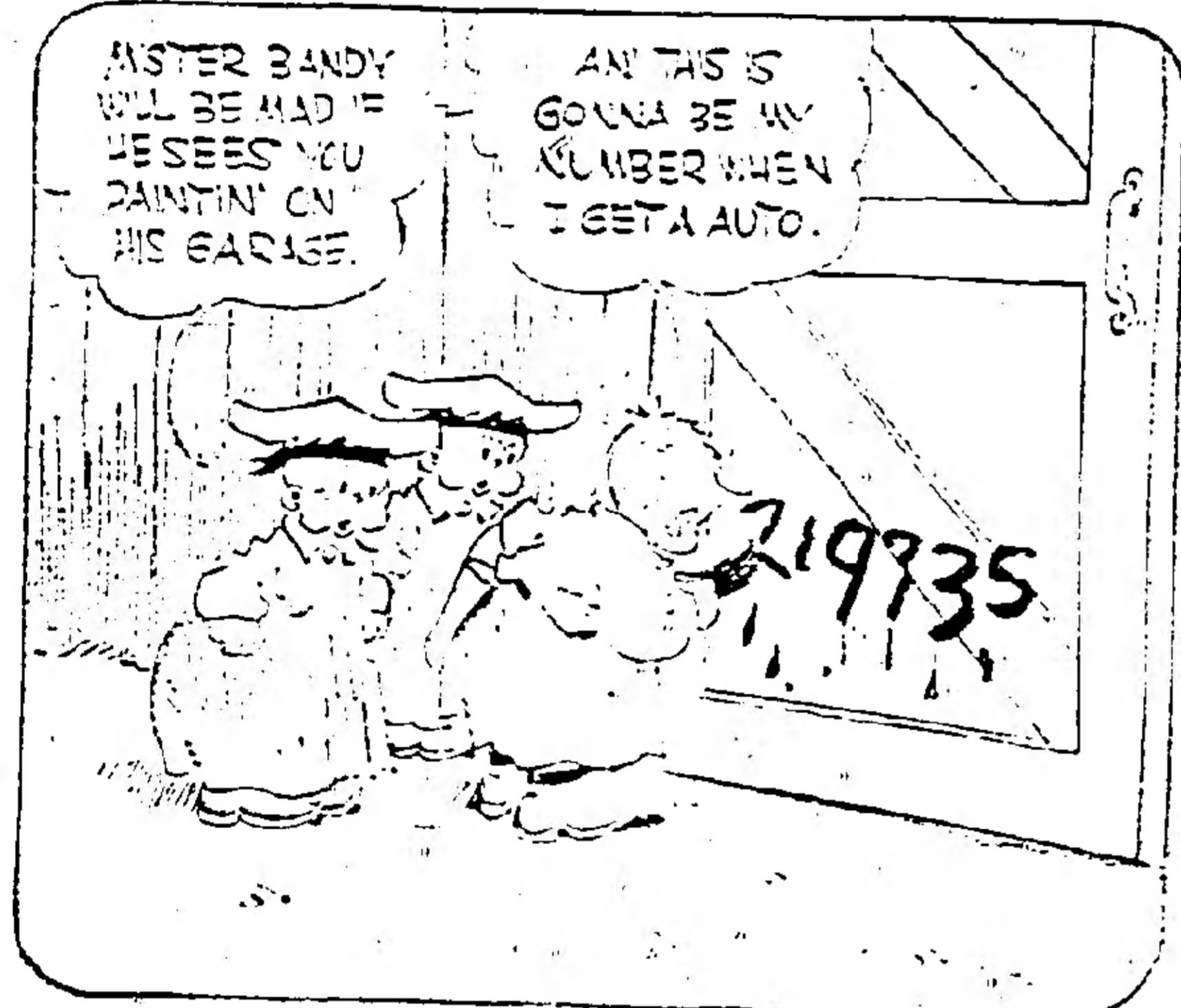


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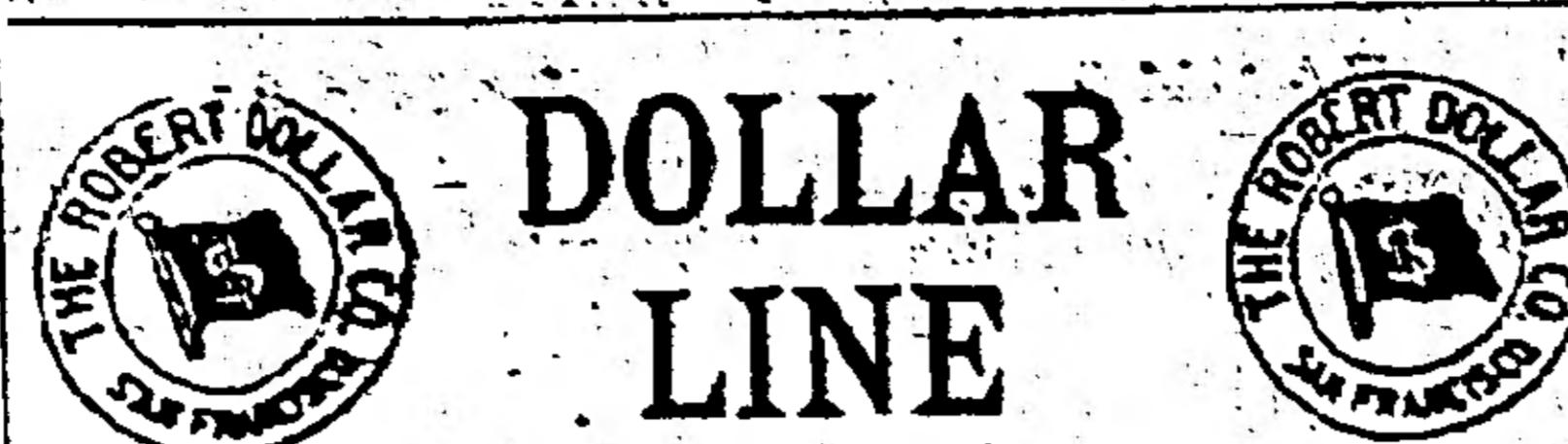
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via Singapore, Penang and Colombo.

S.S. "DUCHESSA D'AOSTA" Sailing on or about 1st Jan.

S.S. "PERSIA" ... Sailing on or about 15th Feb.

This steamer has been specially chartered to facilitate the forwarding of cargo intended for the reconstruction of the devastated areas in Japan.

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS.

FROM CALCUTTA, COLOMBO TO SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

Steamer sailing from Calcutta on or about Early Jan.

Regular Passenger and Cargo Service to South African Ports.

Through Bills of Lading issued from Hongkong.

## NOTICE.

## Lammert Bros.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

Messrs. LAMMERT BROTHERS have received instructions from the Liquidators of the Hongkong Hide & Leather Co. Ltd. (in Liquidation) to sell by

## PUBLIC AUCTION on FRIDAY,

The 21st day of December, 1923, at 3 o'clock p.m. at their Auction Rooms in Duddell Street. The Property, Machinery and Plant, and Tanning Chemicals of the above concern (to be sold in 3 Lots subject to a Reserve).

**Lot 1.—THE EXTENSIVE WELL BUILT, COMMODIOUS AND MODERN PREMISES** situated at Ma Tau Kok, Kowloon, on K. I. Lots Nos. 1267 and 640 which contain **An Area of 110,902 Sq. Ft.** held under Crown Leases for 75 years from the 18th Dec. 1911 with an option as to Lot No. 1267 of a further 75 years subject to a Crown rent of \$50 per annum. The Premises are within the extensive trade area as defined by the Sanitary Authorities and a Permit has been granted by the Government to carry on the business of a tannery in all respects thereon. The property is situated on the main road between Kowloon City and Kowloon Bay and is in Close Proximity to The Sea-front.

The extensive buildings erected on the property are constructed of the

## BENT SOLID BRICK AND CONCRETE

with tiled roofs and CONCRETE PITS & FLOORS.

There is an independent supply of water from a specially constructed well on the premises.

## Lot 2.—Tanning Machinery and Plant

## Lot 3.—Tanning Chemicals

The Tanning Machinery and Plant will be put up first as one lot. If the reserve price be not reached the Plant and Machinery will be put up in several lots.

For further particulars including conditions of sale, schedule of Machinery and Plant and Chemicals, apply to the Vendor's Solicitors.

Messrs. WILKINSON & GRIST, Hongkong or To the Auctioneers,

31 Duddell Street, Hongkong

## NOTICE.



## COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

**No. S. 446.**—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for Quarries", will be received at this Office until Noon on Monday, the 24th day of December, 1923, for the letting of the undermentioned Granite Quarries at Hongkong and the New Territories, for one year or, as an alternative, for a period of 3 years from the 1st January, 1924.

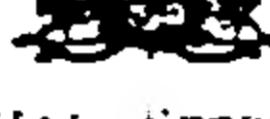
Each tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum as stated in the schedule hereunder opposite to each quarry, as a pledge of the bona fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown, if the tenderer refuses to carry out his tender and comply with the conditions hereinafter contained, should the tender be accepted.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

Forms of tender can be obtained from the Director of Public Works.

## PARTICULARS OF THE QUARRIES.

Quarry Lot. No.	Approximate Area in Acres.	Upper Annual Deposit with tender.
Ah Kung Ngam No. 1	2.15	\$ 650.00
An Kung Ngam No. 2	.93	50.00
Too Tee Wan No. 1	1.84	200.00
Too Tee Wan No. 2	1.84	200.00
Sai Tso Wan No. 1	17.00	3,400.00
Sai Tso Wan No. 2	14.50	2,900.00
Leyemun No. 1	1.45	290.00
Leyemun No. 2	1.60	360.00
Leyemun No. 3	1.90	440.00
Leyemun No. 4	.30	50.00
Leyemun No. 5	3.52	700.00
Leyemun No. 6	14.70	2,940.00
Leyemun No. 7	10.39	2,080.00
Cha Kwo Liang No. 1	6.92	1,380.00
Cha Kwo Liang No. 2	9.17	1,830.00
Cha Kwo Liang No. 3	11.46	2,290.00
Cha Kwo Liang No. 4	10.30	2,060.00
Ngau Tau Kok No. 1	6.89	1,380.00
Ngau Tau Kok No. 2	12.94	2,590.00
Ngau Tau Kok No. 3	11.15	2,230.00
Ngau Tau Kok No. 4	.87	1,130.00
Ngau Tau Kok No. 5	1.87	370.00
Ngau Tau Kok No. 6	3.58	716.00



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Shaukiwan Lot. No. 1	37.00	\$ 5,550.00
Shaukiwan Lot. No. 2	40.38	6,060.00
Kowloon No. 1	11.16	4,440.00
Kowloon No. 2	7.04	2,820.00
Kowloon No. 3	4.00	1,600.00

## EXCHANGE.

Opening Rate : closing Rate on Page 1.  
SELLING 30 d/s. San Francisco and N.Y.

Y.K. 524  
m/s. Mar. N.2

4 m/s. 10 m/s. 10/3

Demand, Germany 511  
Demand, New York 511

Demand, Paris 14/2

Demand, Bombay 14/2

Demand, Calcutta 15/2

On Yokohama 129

Demand, Manila 10/4

Demand, Singapore 9/2

Demand, Batavia 13/2

On Haiphong 10/2

On Saigon 7/2

On Bangkok 7/2

Overseas 5/2

Gold Leaf per Tael 49/20

Bar Silver ready 23/11/15

4 m/s. D/P 3/2

6 m/s. L/C 2/2

10 d/s. Sydney and Melbourne 2/6

New York/London 4/3/21

## BUYING.

2/3/15/16 forward 3/2

Bank of England rates 3/2

10/12/21

London December 19, 1923.

## SUBSIDARY COINS.

Hongkong 50 cent pieces 2

10 " 2

5 " 2

Crown sub. coins 2

Gold leaf 10/2

Hongkong December 19, 1923.

1% p.m.

4/5% p.m.

10% p.m.

12% p.m.

\$10.00

10/2

12/2

14/2

16/2

18/2

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